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## NOTICE TO COMMUNITY- Update on COVID-19 from Emergency Response Group

Council has recently made a difficult decision to extend the current curfew rules and retail store closures for a further seven (7) days until at least 6:00pm on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. This decision was supported by our Emergency Response Group and FWFN Management and shows our leaderships commitment to protecting our community and I applaud them for this action.

As of Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020, at 2:30pm confirmed by Thunder Bay District Health Unit there are 60 COVID-19 confirmed cases in Thunder Bay and Surrounding Areas (Including District Communities & First Nation Communities). At this time there are 0 cases in Fort William First Nation.

There is a strong concern with those making unnecessary trips to town. We are asking and reminding everyone to please **only leave your home for ESSENTIAL items.**

- Those who need to leave Fort William First Nation for anything is asked to self isolate
- If you do need to go to town try and keep this at a very minimum. NOT multiple trips (unless absolutely necessary)
- Do not go visiting.
- Pick up what you need and go straight back home.

**Reminder:** If anyone has not received their colour coded flag packages, please contact us to request one to be delivered to you. This contact information is noted below.

### COVID-19 Information & Communication Lines

- Email: [covid19@fwfn.com](mailto:covid19@fwfn.com)
- Call Center Line: (807) 698-0415
- Website: <https://fwfn.com/covid-19-action-plan/>

### How can I protect myself from getting COVID-19?

You can stay healthy and prevent the spread of infections by:

- washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands;
- avoiding close contact with people who are sick;
- coughing or sneezing into your sleeve and not your hands; and
- staying home if you are sick to avoid spreading illness to others.

If you have any questions please see contact information below. Respectfully,



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