

Department: Fort William First Nation CEO

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

Council has recently made a decision to allow the opening of FWFN stores. On Tuesday May 5th, the stores opened to all general public. There are new operating requirements put in place. The stores will be open limited hours, social distancing must be practiced, there will be limits to customers in stores, and additional cleaning procedures. The stores must follow and remain up to date with all of the safety requirements by the Canada Labour Code and The Thunder Bay District Health Unit.

As of Thursday May 7th, at 4:00pm confirmed by Thunder Bay District Health Unit there are 77 COVID-19 confirmed positive tests in Thunder Bay and Surrounding Areas (Including District Communities & First Nation Communities). At this time there are 0 cases in Fort William First Nation.

Total Number of Confirmed Positive Tests 77
(as of **May 7, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**)

- Of these, number of cumulative confirmed positive tests among Long-Term Care residents or staff 1

- Active Cases 8

- Resolved Cases 68

- Deceased 1

Total Number of Negative Tests 5442

- Of these, number of negative tests among Long-Term Care residents or staff 1225

Total Number of Tests to Date 5519

Reminders and Updates:

FWFN STILL ON LOCKDOWN- 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.
- We recommend not to pickup hitchhikers.
- APS and any Bylaw Officers have the authority to issues compliances notices and notice of fines to those who are not following FWFN Bylaws.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- Please only use coloured flags if someone is sick in your home. If anyone has not received their colour coded flag package, please contact us to request one to be delivered to you. This contact information is noted below.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION-

- **On Reserve Elders**
 - Delivery for frozen items took place Tuesday May 4th, next fresh delivery will be Thursday May 7th.
 - PPE masks to be included with next distribution
- **Off Reserve Elders * must live within City of Thunder bay**
 - Ongoing registration
 - Need to confirm address with COVID Call Center
 - PPE masks to be included on next distribution
- **On Reserve Household- Pickup System**
 - Preparing meat package
 - Waiting for confirmation of date to put in next newsletter
 - please see weekly newsletter for upcoming and ongoing information

CHIEF & COUNCIL- next meeting is to be held on Monday, May 10th, 2020 at 5:30 pm

COVID-19 Information & Communication Lines

- Email: 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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