



March 25, 2020

## State of Emergency Declared by Chief and Council

A State of Emergency has been declared by Wasauksing First Nation (WFN) Chief and Council effective immediately due to the global pandemic COVID-19. WFN Chief and Council have also passed a Temporary Emergency Response Law that will better enable WFN to respond to COVID-19. It is extremely important that our community understands that **COVID-19 is a very serious threat to the health and safety of our entire community regardless of your age.**

As the government authority of WFN and under the authority of the WFN Temporary Emergency Response Law, Chief and Council will be issuing health and safety Orders and Directives to help ensure the public safety of the community. Please watch for and ensure you follow all future and upcoming Council Orders or Directives to help keep the community as healthy as possible and to avoid any offences, fines or penalties for non-compliance.

Chief and Council is hereby directing everyone, regardless of age:

- To stay home and avoid all non-essential travel;
- To not hold gatherings of any kind;
- To practice safe physical distancing and hand-washing (both individuals and businesses);
- To self-isolate for 14 days if you recently returned from any travel from any location with confirmed cases. This includes students who have returned from school;
- To self-isolate if you have any symptoms.
- As the situation changes rapidly, there is a team of Council and WFN management that are monitoring and acting on the situation daily. Please check the WFN website for updates.

WFN offices will remain closed and in essential services mode as per External Notice #1 – WFN Health Department/Nursing Station dated March 18, 2020 (see attached).

**Chi-miigwetch for your understanding and cooperation during this challenging time. Please help keep our community safe and healthy!**