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CHIEF & COUNCIL NOTICE MAY 29th, 2020

Ahnii Dinwehndaagmuk,

Chief & Council would like to say a big Chi Miigwetch to all community members, and staff for all of their effort in helping keep the community safe during the pandemic. Please continue to check in and take care of family, friends, and Elders. Please have patience with one another and be the best example and compassionate person you can be in this difficult time. Many of our members are struggling and we all need to be good neighbors.

From Our Health Director Deb Pegahmagabow: "Our people are feeling like they are alone, they get it and we are all in this jii-maan together. Be kind, be patient with everyone, accepting where people are and spending a few moments to exchange encouragement, care and love, we will come out of this...gwab-miin."

Again we send our deep condolences to individuals and families who are also experiencing the passing of a loved one. Our hearts continue to be with you and we will do our best to help support grieving families.

If you need information or supports please call the Health Station: **705-746-8022** WFN Emergency Orders and notices are listed at www.wasauksing.ca Tune into Rez Radio 91.3 FM for regular updates.

WFN administration staff continues to run the COVID-19 security checkpoint under the direction of the Emergency Response Team. Updated residents tags are being issued. If an individual attempts entry without a tag they will be turned away. Tags are issued by the Emergency Response Team at: ert@wasauksing.ca

Anishinabek Police Service **APS** is supporting and enforcing the Orders at: **1-888-310-1122**

All WFN Administration buildings will remain closed until June 1st, 2020. The ERT is considering extending this date and will issue a community update on Monday June 1st.

WFN Staff continue to work hard to ensure ongoing programming in a new and 'COVID safe' way and look to the Wasauksing newsletter and FB page for departmental updates.

Miigwetch to every member of our nation for doing their part by physical distancing. We are happy to report we have still no reported COVID-19 cases in the community.

As the Province of Ontario moves into opening up aspects of the economy and institutions in a new COVID safe way, WFN is also moving towards this. We will be issuing updates for WFN businesses and cottagers in the coming week.

Chii Miigwetch and have a wonderful weekend full of rest and safety,

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On-going Emergency Response Team Highlights:

-Small fires are permitted for warmth, cooking, and ceremony.

If you are an off-reserve WFN member returning to the community to live, please contact the ERT. You must register and will be required to go into a 14-day self-isolation period; you will be required to answer the following questions: Where are you returning from? Who/where will you be staying with?

Our WFN mantra continues to be..

1. Physical distancing 2 metres (6 ft.);
2. Sneeze and cough in your sleeve (if using a tissue, dispose & wash hands);
3. If you touch your face or other object, wash/sanitize your hands and the object;
4. Staying home (it is the safest refuge from the spread);
5. Only one person in the house assigned to go shopping with mask and other protective gear (gloves; hand sanitizer) not all stores supply, this does lower exposure and risk for others, if you happen to be asymptomatic (no noticeable symptoms); PREFERABLY ONCE/WEEK;
6. Washing/sanitizing of your hands continuously...before and after you touch something, sanitize the object too;
7. No more than 5 people at a gathering + physical distancing;
8. All clothes worn outside of the home, ideally should be removed, shoes left outside and clothes washed.