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## **COMMUNITY NOTICE #9**

### **Extended Closure to Jan. 11th, 2021**

Wasauksing First Nation would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season. We would like to thank everyone for your patience and continued efforts throughout the past year of continuous transition during the Global Pandemic. Your efforts in health and safety practices have had a tremendous impact in protecting our community. We continue to remain in the **GREEN ZONE**.

Wasauksing First Nation continues to work to protect the health and well-being of the community, while monitoring and adapting programs and services. The province will be heading into a lockdown at 12:01am beginning December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020, which will alter the operations of the First Nation in the New Year. Wasauksing First Nation Community building operations will be as follows:

#### **Beginning January 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2021:**

- Wasauksing Administration Building will be closed to the public. Essential Service Work will continue in office as well as remotely, as needed. All screening measures will remain the same. Please call the Administration Office for information, and to connect with program and service contacts.
- Wasauksing Kinomaugewgamik School will be closed. **At Home Learning Packages** will be put together and all cohorts will receive individual classroom packages for the week.
- Migizoons Child Care Centre, will be open with some added modifications. At this time, there will not be space for elementary school- aged children. Please contact Jen Colson ([childcare@wasauksing.ca](mailto:childcare@wasauksing.ca)) or Catherine Pawis ([principal@wasauksing.ca](mailto:principal@wasauksing.ca)) for more information.
- Wasauksing Nursing Station will have nurses available to answer your calls and ensure you receive the services necessary. [705-746-8022](tel:705-746-8022)

First Nation offices and school (Using Cohort Schedule) will reopen, **January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021**, with Health and Safety requirements necessary. However, **plans may be subject to change**, while we monitor and evaluate the outcome of the pandemic through the upcoming holidays.

#### **ERT Update:**

Wasauksing residents, please ensure your WFN resident tags (**BLUE**) are visible in your vehicle. If you have misplaced your tag, please contact the Emergency Response Team [ert@wasauksing.ca](mailto:ert@wasauksing.ca).

## **Details of the Province-wide Shut Down:**

As Covid-19 cases across the province continue to report, over 2000 new cases per day for seven consecutive days, the shutdown is intended to prevent hospital supports from becoming overwhelmed, and to encourage people to stay home as much as possible to minimize the spread of the virus.

Our region (North Bay/Parry Sound Public Health Unit) remains in the GREEN ZONE, and we have no cases on Wasauksing First Nation. All regions will be shut down beginning December 26th, with some differences in the Northern and Southern regions of Ontario:

- Northern Region: 14 day shutdown (WFN falls in this region)
- Southern Region: 28 day shut down

Our continued actions now will determine our future over the months to come.

- Please limit all travel outside of your home to necessary trips such as going to work, medical appointments and groceries/ essentials only.
- Continue to wear a mask. Practice regular hand hygiene as well as cleaning and sanitizing frequently touched surfaces.

Please contact WFN Departments for further assistance:

- **Wasauksing Administration:** 705-746-2531
  - Finance, Community Support Fund, Chief and Council, Emergency Response Team
- **Wasauksing Public Works:** 705-746-2531
  - Housing, Lands
- **Wasauksing Health Department:** 705-746-8022
  - Nursing Station
- **Wasauksing Education Department:** 705-746-5663
  - School, Post Secondary, Childcare
- **Wasauksing Social Services:** 705-746-1052
  - OW Support, Family and Child Support, Home and Community Care, Food Bank

Updated notices are posted on the Wasauksing Website:

<https://wasauksing.ca/covid-19-information>

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WFN Chief & Council and Management