



**Chief and Council**

Attawapiskat, Ontario  
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## CHIEF & COUNCIL STATEMENT

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020  
Attawapiskat, Ontario

Attawapiskat First Nation Council met on September 14, 2020 and agreed to a partial lock down for a period of two weeks effective September 15, 2020 at 1600 hrs. to September 29, 2020.

Due to a positive case of COVID 19 in the region council is being proactive in this shut down to protect our community.

Weeneebayko General Hospital charter for patients and escorts only will continue to operate. Essential workers will continue to be allowed into the community to provide health care for the safety and wellbeing of our members.

It is **MANDATORY** that all returning patients and escorts **MUST** isolate themselves for a period of fourteen days at home along with those they live with.

Northern Stores and MKS charters bringing in essential food and supplies will continue to operate.

Passengers wishing to leave the community or return back to the community will not be allowed to do so until after September 29, 2020.

All non-essential charters and regular passenger flights by Air Creebec and Thunder Airline will remain closed for the duration of the closure.

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**For all community members the following is mandatory:**

- Make sure to read and follow the statement by Weeneebayko Area Health Authority and the Porcupine Health Unit, dated September 12, 2020 on what to do when experiencing symptoms, how to isolate yourself, and where to arrange for testing.
- A mask **must** be worn at all times when leaving residences and upon entering any business or health facility i.e. (stores, pharmacy, churches... etc.)
- To reduce the risk of exposure:
  - Wash hands often
  - Wear a mask
  - Sneeze and cough into sleeves
  - Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth
  - Stay home as much as possible and isolate yourself if experiencing symptoms
  - Maintain a 2 metre (6 feet) distance from others at all times
  - Be respectful of the land by disposing of masks and gloves in designated garbage bins or wood stoves. Do not throw them on the ground.

Curfew to be implemented as follows—

- 14 years old and under at 9:00 p.m.
- General public at 1200 midnight to 6 a.m.

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## WEENEEBAYKO AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY

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September 12, 2020

### Re: **Statement from the Weeneebayko Area Health Authority and Porcupine Health Unit**

To our community members:

In response to the release from Porcupine Health Unit regarding a confirmed case of Covid-19 in the James and Hudson Bay region, the Weeneebayko Area Health Authority (WAHA) is working with Porcupine Health Unit and the community public health department to ensure that the individual is isolated and that the contact tracing investigation is ongoing.

Public health is currently following up with anyone identified as close contacts. In general, for COVID-19, a close contact is anyone who was within 2 metres or 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes during the time of infectivity. An infected person can spread COVID-19 starting 48 hours (or 2 days) before the person had any symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19. Passing a person in the hallway or in a store is generally not considered close contact and has an extremely low risk of spreading the virus. Public Health will contact you if you are considered a close contact.

**At this time, we recommend that everyone continue to monitor for symptoms. If ANY symptoms develop, isolate immediately and call your local assessment centre or your health care provider to arrange testing.**

#### **Symptoms can include:**

- Fever
- Sore throat/hoarse voice
- New or worsening cough
- Loss of sense of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea, vomiting
- Runny nose/nasal congestion
- Diarrhea

In some cases, **atypical symptoms** could develop, such as, unexplained fatigue or malaise, muscle aches, delirium, unexplained or increased number of falls, acute functional decline, exacerbation of current chronic conditions, chills, headaches, croup, conjunctivitis.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact WAHA or the Porcupine Health Unit for more information.

**To reduce the risk of exposure, please continue to follow public health measures:**

- wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- sneeze and cough into your sleeve
- avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- stay home and [isolate](#) for 14 days if you have any symptoms
- practice 2 m physical distancing
- wear a mask in indoor public spaces and outdoors when physical distancing of 2 metres/6 feet cannot be maintained.

Should you have questions, please contact WAHA at 705-658-4544 or check our website [www.waha.ca](http://www.waha.ca) for continued updates.

Thank you,

Dr Elaine Innes, Chief of Staff, WAHA  
Lynne Innes, President & Chief Executive Officer, WAHA