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COVID Update – January 8, 2022

This is a further update on developments concerning the presence of the Omicron-COVID-19 variant in Mobert.

The Pandemic Committee and Council are meeting daily to monitor conditions and adjust our response measures as required.

The Council met this evening and has passed the following Band Council Resolution:

WHEREAS:

- 1. In 2020, the Council for the Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg passed a BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE HEALTH OF RESIDENTS ON THE PIC MOBERT RESERVE AND TO PREVENT THE SPREADING OF CONTAGIOUS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE; and
- 2. The BYLAW provides for the authority of the Council to put into effect or remove any actions or measures that will provide for the health of residents and prevent the spreading of contagious and infectious disease; and
- 3. The Omicron Variant of the COVID-19 virus is highly contagious and there is a known case and other potential cases in Mobert;
- 4. The Council believes that it is in the best interest of the community to enact additional measures to limit the spread of the Omicron Variant in the community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. Due to the very serious situation with the rapid spread of the Omicron/COVID-19 virus, the Chief and Council are implementing enhanced measures effective immediately until January 26, 2022, as follows:
- All Mobert residents should not interact with any persons who do not live with them in the same home.
- Residents can continue to move outside of their home for necessities such as employment, food, medication, medical appointments, supporting vulnerable family and community members.
- Outdoor exercise, such as bush walks or traditional activities (e.g. trapping) are encouraged, as long as you avoid contact with persons outside of your household and always use social/physical distancing and have a mask with you in the event of an unavoidable contact.
- All First Nation buildings/facilities are closed to the public, except by appointment for essential visits only.
- All indoor or outdoor organized public events and social gatherings are prohibited at any time (day or night).
- All residents must continue to follow essential precautions including social/physical distancing, the use of face masks and hand washing and hand sanitizer use.
- Non-residents should only enter Mobert for essential purposes (e.g. delivery of essential goods and services, provision of policing, emergency medical services, child protection and family support, or other purposes that the Council or its delegated authorities deem as essential, in their sole discretion),

and should not interact with any residents while in the community, at all times adhering to all other measures in effect under the BYLAW. Further, all visitors should leave the community immediately on concluding their essential business.

- 2. The membership and other stakeholders including the Anishinabek Police Service be immediately advised of these additional measures as required by the BYLAW.
- 3. These measures be reviewed and adjusted as appropriate, as conditions change.

Passed at a duly convened meeting of the Council held on January 8, 2022

Please, please, please. We need the cooperation and support of our community to implement these measures.

Watch our website and social media sites for further information and instructions on what to do and where to go for help.

Miigwetch Chief Louis Kwissiwa & Members of Council & the Pandemic Committee