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Notice to Community

Re: Band Operations -COVID-19 Response

Dear Community Members,

Due to COVID-19 and the acceleration of cases of Omicron Variant in the Province of Ontario and especially in the Superior Region, we have revised our band operations in efforts to minimize contacts and the spread of COVID-19 within our community.

As of today, January 4th, 2022 band operations and staffing will be minimal.

- **The Band Office will be closed to the public. If you require assistance or pick up of medical or paycheque, please call reception at 807-822-2134. The receptionist will communicate with the staff to obtain what you are looking for. Alternatively, you can reach our voice messaging system to speak with someone in particular or to leave a voice message.**
- **Ontario Works will service the community through the phone. If you require an appointment please call the receptionist at (807) 228-3488 and speak with Sandy Killingbeck. (OW reception phone is not working at the moment. If you require foodbank, please call Sandy she will organize to have a bag of food ready for you to pick up.**
- **Housing, will not be going into homes during this time with the exception of an emergency. If you require assistance, please reach out to Shawn Desmoulin at 228-2311.**

- **Public Works will continue to perform winter road maintenance and water treatment. Please contact Christopher Bananish at (807) 629-0597**
- **Health Centre- will continue to provide essential services as required for medicals, medical appointments, Addictions Services and Mental Health Services. Please contact Health Centre Reception if you require assistance at 822-2625.**
- **Social Department will be assisting to maintain a sacred fire in the community. The Social staff will be on hand remotely and in person when required. If you require immediate service from the Band Rep program or Family Services, please reach out to Rosalind Andrews at 228-0978.**
- **For all departments, there will not be any in person programming at this time including the Right to Play program. Please stay tuned for updates on virtual programming that may become available.**
- **All non-essential workers will be working remotely from Home. (all workers are important but essential workers provide an immediate essential service to the community)**

Reminder to all community members to please help protect yourself, your families and the community. Please do your part to hand sanitize, wear your masks at all possible times when outside of your homes and please practice social distancing.

CHI MIIGWETCH FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING- WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!

Your Cooperation is appreciated!

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