



June 18, 2021 COMMUNITY NOTICE

COVID-19 PANDEMIC PLANNING: OJIBWAY NATION OF SAUGEEN CLOSED TO NON-RESIDENTS UNTIL JULY 2, 2021

The COVID-19 Pandemic Planning Team has worked hard to keep our community safe. While stronger variants of the COVID-19 virus circulate in Ontario, our precious unvaccinated children remain vulnerable to infection and serious life-threatening complications. As a result, **Leadership made the decision to protect our community and especially our children by continuing to limit access to our reserve, until July 2nd and beyond if necessary.**

Ontario's Stay-at-Home order expired on June 2, 2021. But, all other public health and workplace measures have remained in place province wide, including on our reserve. Ontario is in STEP 1 of its re-opening plan. Under Step 1, the size of gatherings, businesses, services and activities is still restricted in Ontario. Indoor gatherings are limited to households only and outdoor gatherings are limited to five people.

As you know, Leadership of ONS has determined that these size limitations are not workable on ONS reserve. The workable "bubble area" for our people is the ONS reserve area. **In order to limit the size of indoor and outdoor gatherings, ONS will remain closed to non-residents, until July 2, 2021, and beyond if necessary.** We will continue to monitor traffic in and out of the ONS reserve, while public health restrictions are still in place in Ontario, as this has been very effective at maintaining the health and safety of our community.

We've seen great progress in our fight against COVID-19, and we appreciate your patience, but now is not the time to let our guard down.

Thank you all for your cooperation as we work hard to protect your health and safety,

Violet Machimity, Band Manager