



JUNE 29, 2021

COMMUNITY NOTICE - REVIEW OF PANDEMIC PLANNING AND MOVING FORWARD AFTER JULY 2, 2021

We have had some recent questions from community members related to our pandemic planning and how we will be moving forward after July 2, 2021.

This community notice gives you the background of how we have proceeded to date and how we will continue to protect the community moving forward. Covid-19 is still active in Ontario. We will continue to monitor for Covid-19 "hot spots" that erupt in local areas, and will make decisions as necessary whether to limit access from any "hot-spot" area, based on facts and in discussion with our health partner, Sioux Lookout Health Authority. Our objective is to allow all our members full access to and from our reserve lands as much as possible and minimize any reserve access limitations. We will still require our residents to fill out Visitor Request Forms, and submit for approval, so that we can monitor and react to Covid-19 "hot spot" issues. We appreciate your continued support of our reserve entry rules, as they are designed to protect all.

We remind everyone - there is a third vaccination clinic on ONS reserve on July 2, 2021, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the ONS Multiplex. If you are not fully vaccinated yet, please make your appointment now to get fully vaccinated. Contact the Health Centre at 807-928-9985 to book appointments. This vaccination clinic is also open to all residents of our neighbouring Savant Lake community, as many of our members reside in that community, and we want them to be safe from Covid-19 too.

Background on Covid-19 Planning by ONS Leadership

- We have worked hard to deliver goods and services, including onsite vaccination clinics, to vigorously protect our people and their health and safety needs during this unprecedented global pandemic. Our Pandemic Plan and Community Notices are all on our ONS Website <https://ojibwaynationofsaugeen.ca/>
- We have delivered foods, community Covid-19 Safety Kits to every household, cleaning supplies as requested, and other essentials to limit the needs of our people to travel to buy essentials. We have bought extra freezer units to store the foods we have distributed to our vulnerable residents. We bought a transportation van to assist our members' access foods and supplies that has continued to operate throughout the pandemic to help our members stay safe.

Background on Restrictions on Entry of ONS Reserve Land by Non-Residents, until July 2, 2021

- We have many vulnerable residents, especially children who have not yet had even one vaccine shot, and some adults who have only had one vaccination.



- On June 15, 2021, we posted a Community Notice from our Pandemic Planning Team that the ONS community would remain closed to non-residents until July 2, 2021.
- After that date, non-residents will be allowed onto ONS reserve lands, with some restrictions based on where that person is coming from - specifically if there is a significant Covid-19 "hot spot" in the location they are coming from.
- After July 2, 2021, ONS visitors must fill in and submit a Visitor Request Form to our Pandemic Planning Team, if you want non-residents approved for entry on reserve.
- You can get Visitor Request Forms online <https://ojibwaynationofsaugeen.ca/> , or at the security gate, or from the Health Centre.

Who is Responsible for Making Reserve Access Decisions?

- The Pandemic Planning Team is responsible for all Covid-19 planning and communications.
- The Pandemic Planning team designated Fran Machimity to communicate with entry-point security on compliance issues.
- The Pandemic Planning Team works together to address any Visitor Request Forms received. As the representative of our Council, Pandemic Planning Team member Headman Eileen Keesic makes the final decision on Visitor Request Applications, if there is an issue on acceptance. It is ultimately the role of government to control entry onto our lands, and Headman Eileen Keesic consults with Customary Chief Edward Machimity and Headman John Sapay as necessary.
- We all strive to be fair and accommodating in making decisions on Visitor Request Forms received.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation!

Pandemic Team