



May 7, 2021 COMMUNITY NOTICE

COVID-19 PANDEMIC PLANNING TEAM ANSWERS STAY AT HOME ORDER COMPLIANCE QUESTIONS

The COVID-19 Pandemic Planning Team released a Community Notice update, on May 5, 2021 explaining that a Stay at Home Order is in effective in Ontario. This Stay at Home Order applies to all people in Ontario, including those residing on ONS reserve lands. Leadership of ONS has determined that the workable "bubble area" for this Stay at Home Order is the ONS reserve area.

ONS residents can leave and return to our reserve for the following reasons and still be compliant with Ontario's Stay at Home Order:

- work, school, or childcare needs
- obtaining essential goods or services
- assisting others who require support
- health, safety, and legal purposes
- travel to bus facilities etc.
- specific gatherings (weddings, funerals, religious services)
- caring for animals

We received a question yesterday, asking "why my [relative] is not allowed back on this reserve ... he spends most of his time up here". The simple answer is that Ontario has issued a Stay at Home Order that applies to all people in Ontario, including your family members.

Those residing outside ONS reserve must stay at the home where they reside; they are not allowed at this time to visit at will with family or friends on ONS reserve while the Stay at Home Order is in place throughout Ontario.

We had another questions regarding child visitation. All ONS members are certainly allowed to leave and return to ONS reserve to accommodate childcare and child visitation. These are some of the allowable exceptions to the Stay at Home Order. **Please contact Jonah Belmore of the Pandemic Planning Team directly, at (807) 928-9985, if you need to be accommodated for childcare and visitation needs, so that he can alert checkpoint security.**

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


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