

IMPORTANT NOTICE
RESTRICTED ACCESS TO THE CHIPPEWAS OF NAWASH UNCEDED FIRST NATION DUE TO
COVID-19
EFFECTIVE MIDNIGHT THURSDAY APRIL 2, 2020

On March 11/20 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic. On March 16/ 20 the Chippewas of Nawash Council passed Band Council Resolution #962 declaring a 'State of Emergency' and activated its Emergency Response Group (Police, Fire, Health, Social Services, Capital Projects (roads, water and capital buildings), Legal, and Communications to provide a coordinated response to protect our residents and to provide recommendations to Chief and Council to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Neyaashiingmiing.

On March 23/20 the Chippewas of Nawash Council passed Band Council Resolution #972 to close Sidney Bay road, one of the two access roads into Neyaashiingmiing as a phased approach to limiting access to the community by visitors to slow the spread of COVID-19.

On March 30/20 the Chippewas of Nawash Council passed Band Council Resolution #972 to close Coveney Hill road to non-resident traffic into Neyaashiingmiing to slow the spread of COVID 19 into our community and protect the health of our community and staff. This does not apply to:

- Chippewas of Nawash residents
- Essential Employees of Chippewas of Nawash
- Emergency Response Vehicles (Police, Fire & Ambulance)
- Essential Inspection, Maintenance & Repair Services
- Canada Post Mail Delivery
- Hydro One, Bell Canada and GB Tel vehicles

Chippewas of Nawash Monitors will be stationed at the 'restricted access' site on Coveney Hill to check:

- **Residents** –proof of residency eg. Known resident, Drivers licence, Hydro bill
- **Essential Employees** –Government issued photo ID and Letter of Permission signed by the Chief stating the named employee to be an essential employee and a list of essential employees
- **Essential Deliveries & Repair drivers** –Work and Repair orders

The Neyaashiingmiing First Nation Police shall monitor the site for compliance

Please be aware:

- that even if you don't have COVID-19 symptoms you could still be a carrier
- COVID -19 does not only affect the elderly -the Centre for Disease Control's first snapshot of COVID-19 cases found that 29% of cases were 20-44 years of age

Please do your part to keep your family & friends and our community safe:

- stay home except for essential travel
- frequent hand washing with soap and water for 20 seconds
- disinfect shared surfaces
- please maintain social distancing from others at 2 metres (six feet) or more
- if you feel unwell call the Health Centre 519-534-0373 or Telehealth Ontario 1-866-797-0000

Miigwech for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our Community safe during this international health crisis

Chief Greg Nadjiwon

On Behalf of the Council of Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation