



# Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation

April 15, 2021

**ATTENTION:** All Saugeen First Nation Business Operators

Dear SFN members,

Currently, we are respectfully asking all SFN business operators to close their businesses over the next 48 hours.

This is based on our recent decision (April 14, 2021) regarding the following announcement made late last night:

“In response to the latest update from the Grey Bruce Health Unit regarding the critical threshold of covid-19 cases, Saugeen has decided to close all non-essential offices for the next two days to allow the health unit to get through the tracing of high-risk contacts in Grey-Bruce....

We are urging the community to do your part to help at this critical moment, please stay home, essential travel only. If needing to go out, please be diligent in washing hands, social distancing and wearing your masks. As stated by the Grey Bruce Health Unit, we need to do our part to help get the critical situation under control.

Stay Home, Stay Safe!” *SFN Leadership*

SFN leadership based their decision on the Grey Bruce Health Unit’s “COVID-19 Critical Threshold” press release posted yesterday evening.

However, if you sincerely believe your business is classified as an essential service, then we respectfully ask you to offer **curbside pickup only**. Please refer to the yellow highlighted section of the attachment with this letter for more information.

Our success so far in avoiding an outbreak in our SFN community is the direct result of our persistence, cooperation, and strength. This temporary closure is a difficult step for all of us, but we are confident that we will get through this together. Please stay home, travel only unless it’s absolutely necessary, and strictly observe the following pandemic protocols:

- Wear a mask outside your home.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Watch your distance and remain at least 2 meters from people you don’t live with.

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# Media Release

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## Grey Bruce COVID-19 Critical Threshold – Stay at home

With the Grey Bruce Health Unit declaring a critical threshold of COVID-19 cases in Grey Bruce, it is a priority that everyone stay at home. The only exceptions are for essential travel. This is consistent with the Provincial [Stay At Home Order](#). You should only go out for necessities, such as:

- the grocery store or pharmacy
- health care services (including going to medical appointments or getting vaccinated)
- outdoor exercise or walking pets in your community
- work that cannot be done remotely
- child care or school

**Businesses must ensure all COVID-19 precautions are in place and followed.**

Do not travel outside your region or the province unless absolutely necessary.

[Read the full list of reasons you can go out in the regulation \(PDF\).](#)

### For More Information:

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