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Ontario Strengthens Enforcement of Stay-At-Home Order – what this means for our SFN members.

Ontario has announced it will be implementing stronger enforcement, travel restrictions, public health measures to stop the spread of COVID-19 and save lives.

SFN are asking all SFN members to continue abiding by Ontario's stay-at-home order. Most recently, the Ontario Premier announced a 2-week extension to our existing stay at home order. The following communication is to clarify additional information, [Ontario Strengthens Enforcement of Stay-at-Home Order](#) announced by the Ontario government. This is a follow up to recent communication releases on our SFN website:

- 1) Everyone is asked to continue remaining at home except for essential purposes 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
 - childcare (for non-school aged children) or school

- 2) In addition to the above, the following changes have also come into place:
 - All outdoor social gatherings and organized public events are prohibited, except for with members of the same household or one other person from outside that household who lives alone or a caregiver for any member of the household;
 - All non-essential workplaces in the construction sector are closed;
 - Capacity limits are reduced to 25 per cent in all retail settings where in-store shopping is permitted - including supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, indoor farmers' markets, other stores that primarily sell food and pharmacies;
 - All outdoor recreational amenities are closed, such as golf courses, basketball courts, soccer fields, and playgrounds with limited exceptions;
 - Cannabis stores will remain opened for curbside pickup only, by appointment, between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and provide delivery between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.;
 - Gas stations and other fuel suppliers remain open;
 - Courier, postal, shipping, moving and delivery services will continue;

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- Libraries will remain open, however:
 - circulating materials must be reserved over the telephone or online for contactless curbside, delivery or pick-up;
 - Patrons must only be permitted to enter the premises to facilitate the contactless drop-off and pick-up or access computers, photocopiers or similar services;
 - Patrons must not be in the book stacks or handle circulating materials that are shelved or in other areas of library storage;
 - Circulating materials returned to the library must be disinfected or quarantined before they are recirculated.

3) Furthermore, effective Monday, April 19, 2021 at 12:01 a.m., the government announced:

- Limiting the capacity of weddings, funerals, and religious services, rites or ceremonies to 10 people indoors or outdoors;
- Social gatherings associated with these services such as receptions are prohibited, except for with members of the same household or one other person from outside that household who lives alone;
- Drive-in services will be permitted;
- Do not travel outside your region or the province unless absolutely necessary;
- Finally, all other public health and workplace safety measures for non-essential retail under the [provincewide emergency brake](#) (i.e., curbside pick-up and delivery only), will continue to apply.

4) Based on the above information, all SFN Programs and Administration building doors will remain secure to protect our workplaces. Appropriate signage with phone numbers shall be posted to book appointments for permissible activities. "Stay at Home" entrance will be allowed by appointment only, and for one person at a time. To book an appointment, please call the program's main phone number (e.g. the program you're trying to reach), which can be found on our SFN website at <https://saugeenfirstnation.ca> . For the Administration and Governance building, please call (519) 797-2781 to book your appointment in advance.

5) Contact information for tracing and screening for all employees as well as permissible clients, or booked appointments, shall continue at all our SFN workplaces.

6) Everyone is reminded to Stay Home where possible, and:

- ✓ Physically distance from one another
- ✓ Clean or disinfect
- ✓ Wear your mask indoors

7) If you haven't already done so, please book your vaccination appointment through the Mino Bimadsawin Health Center at (519) 797-3792. Please be aware, health care services, appointments, vaccinations will continue with established protocols.

Finally, for additional clarification, please refer to the following hyperlink at [COVID-19 public health measures and advice](#) .

Miigwetch for your cooperation and please keep safe.

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