



## Emergency Operations Update

Friday, July 30th, 2021

Good afternoon Chimnissing,

Today's count of Covid-19 cases for Ontario have risen to 226 with the Delta variant contributing the majority of confirmed cases. The Grey Bruce area is still in a modified Stage Three of Ontario's roadmap to reopening, please exercise caution in your travels. Locally, Simcoe County reported 5 new cases, and one in Muskoka. The case positivity remains close to the 1% mark, for comparison 5% is the Provincial lockdown guideline.

Ontario will release it's Back to School plan next week, giving families an insight of what to expect this fall for highschool students.

We continue to operate at Level Two of BFN's Covid-19 Response plan and remain closed to the general public. Please continue to register your visitors online, the Checkpoints do not have hard copies to fill.

Chimnissing does not have any public camping sites available. Information regarding Beckwith and Hope Islands can be found at <http://chimnissing.ca/notices/BECKWITH-ISLAND.pdf>. Inquiries can be directed to [tourism@chimnissing.ca](mailto:tourism@chimnissing.ca).

### **LEVEL 2** MINIMAL RESTRICTIONS

- Funeral procedures to follow the Bereavement Authority of Ontario with community services available following public safety protocols.
- Chimnissing Transit resumes service drivers and passengers required to maintain social and physical distancing protocols.
- Medical screening continues at both ferry terminals, as mandated by Transport Canada and Beausoleil Family Health Centre.
- Masks required in public spaces for all members, visitors, and immediate family.
- Non-essential businesses allowed to open at 75% capacity, with

- employee & customer safety protocols for public notice.
- Outdoor recreation facilities and campgrounds located at Beckwith and Hope Islands are open. Social gatherings up to 100 (max) people are permitted.
    - *\*Recreation Centre - 100 people with safety protocols in place. 50 people for social gatherings.*
    - *\*Event Centre - 75 people with safety protocols in place, 50 people for social gatherings.*
  - Except for businesses operating under capacity restrictions, indoor gatherings at 75% capacity.
  - Cottage lease holders can return but must adhere to all restrictions and protocols in place as per Lands & Resources Agreement.
  - Walk-on passengers are mandated to wear a face-covering or home-made mask as per Transport Canada guidelines.
  - Food Security will remain on a maintenance schedule to stock emergency supplies.

A friendly reminder that mask policy is in effect in all public buildings, ferry landings and aboard the Sandy Graham.

We must continue to follow and practice safety guidelines as set out by Public Health departments. Studies continue to show the Delta variant is highly transmissible, and those with compromised immune systems despite being vaccinated are at risk. Vaccine trials are underway for the 5-11 year old age groups.

In the event of an identified case of Covid-19, we would enter level 6 of our response plan for contact tracing.

## **LEVEL 6 LOCKDOWN -CONTACT TRACE PERIOD**

- Travel Restrictions - transportation limited to essential services (APS, EMS & EOT) and essential employment with verification from Employer.
- Residents with medical needs from mainland health service providers will be temporarily housed on the mainland.
- Emergency Food Supply available for all Cedar Point and Christian Island Residents.

**Level 6 -Trace period can be activated at any stage of BFN's Covid-19 Response Plan for the purpose of contact tracing in the event of a positive test result.**

This time frame allows for our Health Team to complete contact tracing and limit the possibility of further transmission in our community. Once this time frame has passed we would then revert to the original stage of operations.

As always, be safe, be kind,

*Emergency Operations Team*