



COMMUNITY NOTICE

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OTTAWA MOVING TO COVID-19 RED ZONE

As of Friday, March 19, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. the Ottawa region is moving into the red-control zone as categorized by Ontario's provincial COVID-19 framework. Red is the second highest level of restrictions following the gray-lockdown zone. The Eastern Ontario region including Akwesasne remains in the orange-restrict zone. Akwesasne community members are urged to avoid unnecessary travel to Ottawa.

The province of Ontario reported over 1550 new cases of COVID-19 today and yesterday with a 7-day rolling average of 1,427, up from 1,251 just one week ago.

Under red zone restrictions, Ottawa will have decreased capacity limits for shops and restaurants, limits of 5 people (reduced from 10) for any indoor social gathering, and cancellation of any team sports and practices except for training. To read the full framework, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-response-framework-keeping-ontario-safe-and-open>.

The community is also reminded that travel outside the 100-mile radius or to the city of Montreal is restricted for any non-essential purposes and a 14-day quarantine is required for anyone arriving or returning from outside the radius.

Vaccinating against COVID-19 is strongly encouraged. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne advises community members to pre-register for their vaccine by contacting the Community Health Program at 613-575-2341 Ext. 3247 or Ext. 3219. Or, check the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's website at www.srmt-nsn.gov for vaccine clinic dates being offered to all Akwesasne community members.