



COMMUNITY NOTICE

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MCA CLOSING TO PUBLIC FOR TWO WEEKS DUE TO EOHU RED ZONE RESTRICTIONS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne will be closing to the public for a two-week period, except for essential needs and appointments, due to the Eastern Ontario Health Unit's Red Zone status that begins on Monday, March 29, 2021. The province's colour coding framework is intended to restrict and control the spread of COVID-19.

MCA will therefore be closed from March 29 – April 11, 2021, reopening on April 12, 2021 pending the public COVID-19 situation.

A region is put into the Red Zone (Control) if it has a seven-day rolling average of 40 new COVID-19 cases. The EOHU region's current seven-day rolling average of new COVID-19 cases is 61.8. Ontario's "Red Zone" has tighter restrictions around social gatherings and for businesses, all of which is aimed at slowing the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Examples of the Red Zone restrictions are as follows:

- Indoor gatherings: 5 people
- Outdoor gatherings: 25 people
- Only going out of your household for essential needs, such as work, groceries, pharmaceutical needs, health care, exercise/physical activity, and working from home where possible
- Public gatherings are restricted to those who live in your household
- Businesses face restrictions such as tighter screening procedures, limits on capacity to ensure social distancing, strict use of PPE for all staff, and continuous disinfection of high-traffic areas and high-contact surfaces

For a full breakdown of the EOHU Red Zone restrictions, visit their website: www.eohu.ca or Ontario's COVID-19 website: www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-response-framework-keeping-ontario-safe-and-open

MCA's Department of Health (DOH) continues to follow the public health guidelines set forth by the EOHU: wearing a mask when out in public, washing and sanitizing your hands frequently, maintaining social distance of 6-feet when out in public, and not gathering with others who do not live in your household. Following these guidelines greatly assists in slowing the spread of the COVID-19 virus.