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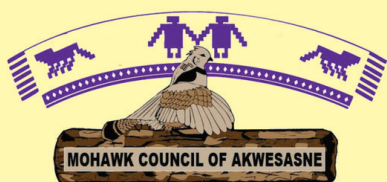
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## MCA HEALTH PROFESSIONALS PROVIDE UPDATE ON COVID-19 VACCINE



MCA's health professionals provided an update on the COVID-19 vaccine with CKON's Reen Cook in an edition of Tetewatharen. The panelists included Dr. Ojstoh Horn, NP Janet Brant, NP Katelyn Fedorak and guest panelist Dr. Brittany Jock.

These experts provided reasons on why it is important to receive your COVID-19 vaccine immunization, the scientific background on vaccines and much more valuable information. If you want to watch the entire Tetewatharen, please view on the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Facebook page.

To pre-register for your COVID-19 vaccination, please contact Community Health at 613-575-2341 ext. 3219 or 3247. When calling, a brief questionnaire will be conducted.

## UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

### MARCH GENERAL MEETING

A Zoom General Meeting will be held on March 25, 2021 at 6 p.m.

Please send an email to [meetings@akwesasne.ca](mailto:meetings@akwesasne.ca) to receive a link to watch the video. You can also send any questions you may have to [meetings@akwesasne.ca](mailto:meetings@akwesasne.ca) as well.

# MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2018-2021

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Chief Edward Roundpoint  
Chief Vince Thompson  
Chief Vanessa Adams

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Chief Connie Lazore  
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# WAT'KWANONHWERA:TON/GREETINGS



She:kon/Wat'kwanonhwera:ton,

The MCA Communications Team is proud to bring you a new issue of our print newsletter, Onkwe'ta:ke. The name Onkwe'ta:ke means "For the people" and the newsletter is our way of reporting MCA news and information to those we are serving...you, the people. MCA prides itself on transparency and accountability, and the news and reports in the pages to follow are MCA's attempt to ensure you receive informative and helpful news.

There is always a lot to learn about Council and the MCA departments, so we hope you find the newsletter both interesting and useful. We look forward to sharing our most valuable news with you in this format, and welcome you to provide feedback or suggestions by emailing our team at [communications@akwesasne.ca](mailto:communications@akwesasne.ca).

# FIVE THINGS

OUR MONTHLY LIST OF FACTS, REMINDERS &  
IMPORTANT MESSAGES

- 1** Due to the increase of positive COVID-19 cases, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is extending the date to re-open MCA buildings to March 15, 2021. For more information on safety operations for the MCA, go to page 3.
- 2** Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) confirmed to MCA that the new COVID-19 restrictions would not apply to Akwesasne residents. For more information on CBSA crossing requirements, see page 5 or visit: [www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca](http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca)
- 3** To pre-register for your vaccine, please call Community Health at 613-575-2341 ext. 3219 or ext. 3247. Find out more information on page 9.
- 4** At this time, only Tsi Snaihne residents should register for the Fibre-to-the-Home. You can watch a virtual presentation on the MCA YouTube channel or read more on page 10.
- 5** A Variant of Concern has been identified in the jurisdiction of MCA. These variants of COVID-19 are highly infectious and contagious. Continue wearing a mask in public, social distance up to 6-ft when outside your household, wash/sanitize hands frequently and stay in your household bubble.

# NEWS

## MCA COVID-19 CLOSURE UPDATE

Due to the increase of positive COVID-19 cases in the community, the Mohawk Council is extending the date for the re-opening of MCA buildings to March 15, 2021.

### Current safety operations of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne include:

- Buildings shall continue to operate at a maximum of 30% capacity.
- Only one occupant in MCA vehicles at a time (with the exception of medical drivers).
- All staff must wear masks and keep a physical distance of 6 feet when in direct contact with anyone.
- Staff shall not congregate under any circumstances within MCA facilities.
- Staff who can work from home shall work from home.

MCA offices will resume normal operations on March 15, 2021.

Please note that these timelines are subject to change based on the number of positive cases of COVID-19.

Please continue to social distance, wear a mask when you are around others, and wash our hands frequently to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

We appreciate all of our staff and extend a big niawenhkó:wa to all in your efforts during these trying times.

\*\* These directives do not apply to all MCA operations.

## MCA 2021 GENERAL ELECTION UPDATE: VOTERS LISTS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

The Executive Director of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has called for a General Election to be held on Saturday, June 26, 2021. Please check voters lists posted in your district.

### Tsi Snaihne:

- Iohahi:io Akwesasne Education & Training Institute
- OK Den

### Kana:takon:

- Canada Post Office

- Village Currency Exchange

### Kawehno:ke:

- Bank of Montreal (BMO)
- Jock's Kwik Stop

If your name is not on Voters List in the district you reside in, contact Chief Electoral Officer Leona Benedict at 613-575-2250 ext. 2406 or at 613-551-1622.

## YOU ARE IN THE TERRITORY OF AKWESASNE

PLEASE PRACTICE THE FOLLOWING PROTOCOLS TO ENSURE SAFETY FOR ALL:



WEAR A MASK.



PHYSICAL DISTANCE  
KEEP 6 FT/2 M.



WASH HANDS OFTEN  
FOR 20 SECONDS.



COMING FROM OUTSIDE TRAVEL  
RADIUS? SELF ISOLATE FOR 14 DAYS.



# NEWS

## UPDATE ON COVID-19 OUTBREAK AT TSIIONKWANONHSO:TE LTC FACILITY

MCA's Department of Health (DOH) would like to notify the community that the Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-Term Care Facility (LTC) has been officially removed from Outbreak Status. The DOH was notified by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit after LTC staff and residents completed two weeks of negative COVID-19 test results.

In order to be removed from Outbreak Status, all LTC staff, residents, and administration who work or reside in the facility had to test negative for COVID-19 for

two consecutive weeks.

On behalf of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, the DOH would like to extend its sincerest gratitude to our LTC residents, residents' families, and the community, for their continued support, thoughts, prayers, and understanding during a very tumultuous time. We'd also like to thank the LTC staff for their dedication and diligence during this time.

# TOTAL COVID-19 CASES

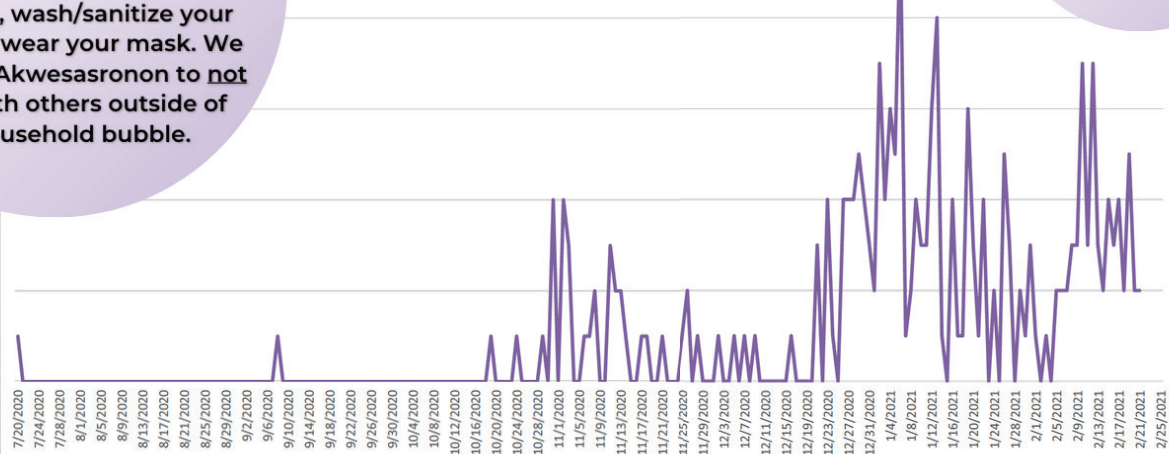
IN AKWESASNE PER DAY (JULY 20, 2020 - FEBRUARY 25, 2021)

COVID-19 cases in the community have increased around holidays; especially so in the colder months!

Continue to practice social distancing, wash/sanitize your hands, and wear your mask. We encourage Akwesasronon to not gather with others outside of your household bubble.

YOUR ACTIONS HAVE AN IMPACT.

HELP SLOW THE SPREAD.



For more information on COVID-19 testing, please call Community Health at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220. To pre-register for the COVID-19 vaccine, please call 613-575-2341 ext. 3219 or 3247.





# NEWS

## AKWESASNE RESIDENTS EXEMPT FROM COVID-19 TESTING AT CANADA'S BORDER CROSSINGS (FEBRUARY 17)

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) confirmed to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne that new COVID-19 restrictions imposed by the Government of Canada at border crossings will not apply to Akwesasne residents.

Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that as of February 16, 2021, any non-essential travelers arriving in Canada from the United States by land and air are required to submit a negative COVID-19 test taken in the past 72 hours. Akwesasne residents are exempt from this requirement.

As of February 22, 2021, those arriving in Canada will not only be required to submit the negative test taken within 72 hours, but they will also be required to be tested upon their arrival, and again after their required 14-day quarantine. Akwesasne residents are exempt from these requirements as well.

It has been recognized by CBSA that Akwesasne has unique rights to cross the border, which dissects the Akwesasne territory. In order to meet the requirement for exemption, Akwesasne residents must present a Certificate of Indian Status card which is issued by MCA's Office of Vital Statistics and Canada's Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), formerly known as INAC.

Anyone visiting Akwesasne will not be exempt from the COVID-19 testing requirements. Non-Akwesasnon from other territories will only be exempt if their travel to Akwesasne is for essential purposes, such as work.

For more information on Canada's border crossing requirements for the public, excluding Akwesasne, please visit the CBSA website: [www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca](http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca).



**Niawenhkó:wa for doing your part to keep Akwesasne safe.**

**For the latest COVID-19 news visit [www.akwesasne.ca](http://www.akwesasne.ca)**

# NEWS

## CBSA & MCA DOMESTIC LANE PILOT PROJECT SURVEY

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and Canada Border Services Agency are conducting a survey for feedback regarding the Domestic Lane Pilot Project at the Cornwall Port of Entry. The six-month pilot period is close to completion and feedback will help provide direction regarding the future of the domestic lane.


The survey should take under 5 minutes to complete and all of the questions in the survey include "yes", "no" and "unsure/does not apply" selections, as well as an area to provide comments.

The following questions are asked in this anonymous survey that will provide valuable feedback to the MCA and CBSA:

1. Are you aware of the Domestic Lane Pilot Project and dedicated lane at the Cornwall Port of Entry?
2. Have you used/transited through the Domestic Lane at the Cornwall Port of Entry?
3. If you have used/transited through the Domestic Lane, how many times would you estimate you have done so?


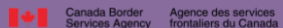
4. What time of day do you/would you most use the Domestic Lane?
5. In your opinion, does the Domestic Lane reduce the time it takes to transit through the Cornwall Port of Entry as a domestic (not leaving Canada) traveler?
6. In your opinion, does the Domestic Lane reduce the time it takes to transit through the Cornwall Port of Entry as an international traveler?
7. Is the Domestic Lane signage visible and clear?
8. In your opinion, does the Domestic Lane provide a valuable service worthwhile to implement permanently?
9. Was your experience using the Domestic Lane a positive one?
10. Do you have any comments you'd like to share about your experience using the Domestic Lane?
11. Please provide any additional feedback you wish to share regarding the Domestic Lane Pilot Project.

**Please visit the link below to take the survey:**  
<https://forms.gle/bUJZEbZV2o8Rt2is6>



MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE & CANADA BORDER SERVICES AGENCY

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# NEWS

## COMMUNITY IN QUARANTINE PROGRAM

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne created the Community in Quarantine Program to assist community members affected by COVID-19 that must complete a 14-day quarantine.

This program will provide basic food, supplies and essentials for the 14-day period for those who have no assistance or resources. This service is available to those who reside in the northern portion of Akwesasne.

If you need supplies, please call:

Monday-Friday

8 a.m.-5 p.m.

613-937-4311

After Hours

1-800-480-4208

Supplies will be delivered by MCA staff or the Truck-stop #9 delivery service.

**Please be advised that any community member who is in quarantine must complete the full 14-days even if they test negative.** If you test positive, please be advised by your health care provider.

Niawenhko:wa to all that are doing their part to keep Akwesasronon safe and providing these important services.

### MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE

# COMMUNITY IN QUARANTINE PROGRAM

To assist community members affected by COVID-19 that must complete 14 day quarantine

#### TO ORDER SUPPLIES:

**MONDAY-FRIDAY**

**8 A.M.-5 P.M.**

**613-937-4322**

**AFTER-HOURS**

**1-800-480-4208**



Packages include basic food, supplies and essentials for a 14-day period for those who have no assistance or resources.

Service available to those residing in the northern portion of Akwesasne (Tsi Snaihne (Snye), Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) or Kana:takon (Saint regis)).



If exposed to COVID-19, be sure to quarantine full 14 days or as instructed by health care provider.



# NEWS

## CALLOUT FOR ITEMS FOR SALE AT TSIIONHIAKWATHA/DROULERS ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE

The Tsiionhiakwatha/Droulers Archeological Site Interpretation Centre gift shop is looking for items for sale for the 2021 season. The Tsiionhiakwatha/Droulers site operates from April to October to approximately 13,000 visitors from school groups and the general public.

Popular items include:

- keychains
- necklaces
- bracelets

- earrings

Items are sold on a consignment basis; the supplier is paid after the items are sold.

Recommended retail price point for items: Minimum \$3 and maximum \$35

**Contact:** Nathan Carriere, Director, Tsiionhiakwatha/Droulers Archeological Site Interpretation Centre at 450-264-3030

## THE PORT LANDS PROJECT ART CONTEST

The Akwesasne Harbour Development Corporation and the Cornwall Harbour Development Corporation are announcing an art contest! The winning artwork will be featured on the new Port Lands website and may be used on future signage and marketing material. The winning artist will also receive a prize valued at \$500. The contest is open to all ages and to anyone in Akwesasne or Cornwall, amateur and professional artists, elders and youth. All artists are welcome to submit visual art that showcases the communities coming together.

Submissions should reflect the partnership's spirit of good faith, mutual respect, understanding and harmony in the planning, development and maintenance of the Port Lands. Community members are encouraged to submit drawings, paintings or designs that artistically interpret the collaboration and friendship between Akwesasne and Cornwall.

It is through this spirit of cooperation that the Port Lands project aims to transform the former industrial harbour area into a bustling community destination.

The jointly-owned project has the potential to deliver numerous benefits for the two communities involved, and could include commercial, recreational, tourism and possibly residential spaces.

Re-envisioning and redeveloping this valuable shared land will represent the most important economic development project ever for the region. And input from community members is essential to its success — starting with art.

**Submission deadline:** March 26, 2021 at 4 p.m.

For more information about the Port Lands and the art contest, please visit: [theportlands.org/blog/community\\_art\\_contest](https://theportlands.org/blog/community_art_contest)

# NEWS

## REMINDER: COVID-19 VACCINE PRE-REGISTRATION

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health (DOH) is reminding the community that the pre-registration for the COVID-19 vaccine is still open. DOH is stressing the importance of registering now for the vaccine, to ensure that you are on the list to be contacted for an appointment once the community vaccine clinic is announced. Vaccine supply is limited, so reserve your spot for the community vaccine clinic by pre-registering as soon as possible.

The initial roll out of the vaccine has been completed, with the long-term care facilities residents and staff having received the first dose. The next phase of the vaccine distribution will be administering the vaccine to essential frontline staff (healthcare workers, first re-

sponders, etc.), community elders, then the general community. Akwesasronon residing within the City of Cornwall will be eligible to pre-register for the COVID-19 vaccine.

The Department of Health receives the vaccine from the Eastern Ontario Health Unit. Clinics are now being scheduled.

To pre-register for the COVID-19 vaccine, please call 613-575-2341 ext. 3219 (Jamie Cole) or ext. 3247 (Stephanie Buckshot).

When calling, a brief questionnaire will be conducted.

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE

# COVID-19 VACCINE PRE-REGISTRATION

**SUPPLY IS LIMITED, SO RESERVE YOUR SPOT FOR THE COMMUNITY VACCINE CLINIC BY PRE-REGISTERING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

*PRE-REGISTRATION ASSISTS WITH THE CLINIC PLANNING PROCESS.*

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL

**613-575-2341**

EXT. 3219 OR EXT. 3247





# NEWS

## **FTTH REMINDER: ONLY TSI SNAIHNE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME**

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Economic Development Program is reminding the community that currently only Tsi Snaihne residents can register for Fibre-to-the-Home (FTTH). The districts of Kana:takon (St. Regis) and Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) will be invited to register for FTTH in the future when the project reaches those stages of expansion.

Although the fibre lines are currently being installed between Tsi Snaihne and Kana:takon, the project has not expanded yet to that district. We apologize for any confusion this has caused.

Thank you for your patience as we continue our commitment to bring our residents exciting new technology.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Economic Development at 613-575-2250 ext. 1802 or email [ftth@akwesasne.ca](mailto:ftth@akwesasne.ca).

**For more information, community members can also view a video of the FTTH virtual information session held on January 11:**

[https://youtu.be/haS\\_laoF3s](https://youtu.be/haS_laoF3s)

# **PRE-REGISTER FOR FIBRE INTERNET SERVICE**

**EMAIL: [FTTH@AKWESASNE.CA](mailto:FTTH@AKWESASNE.CA)**

*PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME, CIVIC ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER*



# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT



### JANUARY 25, 2021

- Dr. Paul Roumeliotis of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) provided Council with an overview of the current COVID-19 case trends in the region and explained that many new cases are transmitted through close contacts. Dr. Paul also provided an update on the vaccine rollout

and explained that due to delays in vaccines getting to Canada, the EOHU vaccines have been delayed as a result. It is expected that more vaccines will arrive next week.

- Representatives from NVision Insight Group and MCA's Nation Building program presented an overview and update on the Akwesasne Justice Department review.
- Council received a briefing from District Chiefs who assisted in the delivery of care packages to members of Akwesasne residing in the City of Cornwall. An internal meeting will be set up with

- MCA programs to discuss programs and assistance available.
- **MCRs passed:** Acceptance of funding agreement with Ontario Ministry of Corrections for Native Inmate Liaison Officer position; Approval of funding agreement with Jordan's Principal for navigators; Approval to award contract to a2z for governance enhancement; Approval to proceed with property severance and transfer for Habitat for Humanity project; Approval of new lease Colquhuon Island East; Approval of new lease St. Francis Island; Approval of 2 new leases Thompson Island.

### FEBRUARY 1, 2021

- Representatives of the Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (ARRO) and legal counsel briefed Council on the status of the New York State Claim. Follow up with be done with SRMT and MNCC on the claim.
- Council agreed that no Council Meeting will be held on Monday, February 15, 2021 due to the

Family Day holiday.

- A briefing was provided on the current status of the renovations to the Chiefs' office.
- Council discussed a request received for collaboration with a First Nations TV production company and agreed to refer the request to our Communications Unit to obtain more details.
- **MCRs passed:** Approval of Ease-

ment & Permit; Approval of Relinquishment of Easement & Permit; Approval of Assignment of Lease on Renshaw Island; Approval of amendment to Akwesasne – Canada funding agreement; Acceptance of resignation of Kawehno:ke representative from the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission and approval to proceed with a callout to fill the vacancy.

### FEBRUARY 8, 2021

- Dr. McDonald and the AMBE Director provided a presentation to Council titled 'The Voices of Children and Youth Community Injury Prevention: An Akwesas-

ronon Perspective for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne'.

- A representative from the International Joint Commission and MCA's Environment Program Manager presented on a research

project titled 'Development of a framework for fish consumptions advisories: The St. Lawrence River Case Study'. The participation of the MCA was requested and approved.

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# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT

- A briefing was provided on Canada's Bill C-15 An Act Respecting the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People. Council will further examine the proposed legislation and will contemplate Akwesasne's position.
- Council was provided a brief update on the NYS Claim and requested a follow-up call with MCA legal counsel.
- A sales offer to assist with mobility scooters was discussed and will be followed up by a member of Council.
- The General Meeting agenda for February 25, 2021 was set.
- **MCRs passed:** Approval of amendment to Akwesasne/Canada funding agreement; Approval of amendment to MCA's Finance Policy authority limits; Approval of COVID-19 funding for Akwesasne Family Wellness Program.

### FEBRUARY 22, 2021

- The Director of Community and Social Services and the Program Manager for the Akwesasne Family Wellness Center presented to Council on a proposed homelessness project including a project description and a list of partners who will support the project.
- An update was provided on the follow up that took place on a sales offer for mobility scooters. Council determined that the offer will be declined.
- A briefing was provided on an APTN TV show offer. Council determined that the offer will be declined due to the current pandemic.
- The Chiefs committee on "Live in a Safe Community" provided an update on the process of developing a Special Needs Strategic Plan.
- A briefing and update was provided by the Finance Committee Chair on the upcoming recommendations being made to Council, in order to meet Council's obligations under the Akwesasne Financial Administration Law (AFAL).
- The Chiefs committee on border communications updated Council on the development of the CBSA Border Crossing Guide.
- A briefing and concerns with the impact of the recent COVID-testing requirements at Canadian borders was discussed and will be followed up on.
- The Governance Committee provided a presentation and overview of proposed changes to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Procedure Regulations.
- **MCRs passed:** Approval of (2) allotments of land to community members in Chenail Range (loans paid off); Approval of allotment of land to community member on Cornwall Island (loan paid off); Approval of allotment of land to community member in St. Regis Village (loan paid off); Approval of 2019/2020 Audit for Ministry of Health and Long Term Care; Approval of 2019/2020 Audit for CMHC Section 95 Housing; Approval of (4) amendments to the Canada/Akwesasne funding agreement; Approval to offer position of Director of the Department of Infrastructure, Housing, and Environment to successful candidate (subject to probation period); Approval of appointment of community member to the Akwesasne Review Commission; Approval of (3) Housing upgrade loans to community members; Approval of appointment of Chair and Vice Chair to the Finance Committee; Approval of 2019/2020 TPAR report for ACFS child protection program.

# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT



## TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF CONNIE LAZORE JANUARY 2021 UPDATES



**Portfolio:** Justice, Public Safety, Executive Services

**Month:** January 2021

**Committee:** Finance, Governance, Cannabis Working Task Group

**All Meetings Listed are thru the "Zoom" technology**

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The month of January Council continues to operate thru technology utilizing "Zoom" software for our meetings. Our meetings consisted of Council meeting, Council COVID Update, Border Update meeting which includes the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Leadership all held on a weekly basis. Leadership Meeting with Tribal Leadership is held on a bi-weekly meeting schedule.

The focus for Council was and continues to be the COVID 19 crisis. As of June I began working again within my portfolios and existing projects again.

Weekly Monday Council Meetings to conduct MCA business. Program Offices continue to open and closed based on current situations. Appointments are required to meet with staff. Over the past couple of months our offices have had to restrict community members and lessen the amount of employees in facilities to try and curb the spread of the virus.

Weekly Tuesday Border Update Meeting with CBSA/US Customs/Leadership are held to maintain an update on potential changes. Border remains closed to non-essential travel.

Weekly Wednesday Council COVID 19 Update Meeting is held to provide updates on areas surrounding Akwesasne and discuss issues of concern. Delivery of vaccines has become an issue, along with the spread. We need to stay home.

Thursday is my scheduled day to be in the office. I attend and work from our office on this day the rest of the week I work from home. Our office is now located at Admin I. I have limited attendance when office closures happen due to COVID.

Bi-Weekly Friday Leadership Meeting with SRMT.  
General Meeting

was held this January 28th the agenda included an updated of the MCA Response to COVID 19, a Community in Quarantine Program that was developed to support families/individuals in quarantine for their basic needs, Vaccine Rollout and the COVID 19 Financial Report.

**Work in Progress:**

1. This month the Strategic Plan Goals I now sit on two committees: Host a Community Recreation Forum and Take Care of the Vulnerable. The Recreation Forum I developed draft agendas, invitations and a list of objectives for the committee's review and approval. Those documents were approved and schedule approved for session. The Objectives came from our discussions during our meetings. The Take Care of the Vulnerable committee has conducted review of special needs policy, material from the community consultation and are working on creating a Request for Proposal to create a 5 Year Strategic Plan.
2. A Finance Committee meeting was held on January 7th. We discussed areas of the FAL, annual budget and operations.
3. Council has started meetings with staff to work on strengthening communication and processes. I met with my Executive

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# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF CONNIE LAZORE NOVEMBER 2020 UPDATES

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Assistant weekly to update my calendar and discuss issues of concern.

4. Justice Portfolio Meeting was scheduled for January 14th. Discussion and follow up held on functions, legislative commission, budgets, proposal follow up, resolutions follow-up and further developments.
5. The WTG on Cannabis has met January 8, 15 and 22nd on the development of the Cannabis Law. This is moving along well.
6. A WTG has been established to develop the Emergency Management Law, we have chiefs, technicians and legal counsel that have started reviewing a draft document.
7. Membership Review WTG met this month on January 5th this committee is reviewing the documents associated with the Membership Code & Residency Law. Application forms are being discussed.
8. HAVFD Station #3 Building Design. The Station #3 in Tsi Snaihne is in need of a new facility. The members of the Station have engaged a firm to begin the design phase, they have spent time designing for their needs. I was asked to assist with funding and am now working with the Station Members, Consultants, Grand

Chief, Executive Director and DTS on this file. Meetings continued this month. Council has agreed to sponsor the cost associate with the design phase. Meetings are ongoing.

9. Governance Committee WTG, this committee of chiefs continues to review the procedural regulations we are making progress in this area.
10. I sent an email to AMPS to discuss the Neighborhood Watch Program. Wanted to discuss our next steps.
11. A Jay Treaty Border Alliance Conference was held on January 25/26th This was the first time I attended this conference, it was a virtual session. Numerous reps from both US/Canada agencies were present. While it was interesting, same concerns, different locations, no real solutions.
12. The MCA hosted a Federal Indian Day School Information Session. I wanted to understand the process for claims. Gowlings is the legal firm, Deliotte is the claims processing firm. It is my opinion, whatever level you decide to claim, please ensure all the boxes are completed, be prepared for delays.
13. A meeting of the CBSA/MCA Community Relations Committee was held January 13th. We discussed the material for the next

Leadership Meeting, Review of the New Drivers Booklet, and Economic Development topics.

14. We began meetings to review the compliance program funding with Justice Portfolio and Director of Justice and Chief of Police. We spoke of the budget, required changes, as well as, funding sources.
15. I participated in a meeting with Chiefs of Ontario Leadership Council/First Nations Chiefs. I merely was there to listen to the update and presentation on COVID19.
16. AFN Chiefs Committee on Charter Renewal was held on January 14th. I have a seat as the representative of AFNQL. I reviewed the current document to bring myself up to date. The discussion revolved around the Regional Chiefs roles and responsibilities.
17. I participated in the EDP Renewable Presentation made to Council on January 8th.
18. A meeting was held with Canadian Revenue Agency and Service Canada with regards to the CERB funding.

# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## MOHAWK COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

MCR #141 Rescind MCR 2019-2020- #121 Dated July 15, 2019  
Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson  
Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

**For: 11 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #142 Assignment of Lease-Lot 1A-8 Pilon Island  
Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson  
Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

**For: 11 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #143 Assignment of Lease-Lot 32 Renshaw Island

Moved by: Chief Theresa Jacobs  
Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore

**For: 11 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #144 Accept in Principle the Akwesasne Election Law-Amendment

Moved by: Chief Theresa Jacobs  
Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore

**For: 11 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #145 Accept and Approve the Akwesasne Interim Cannabis License created by the Cannabis Working Task Group

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore  
Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

**For: 9 Against: 2**

**CARRIED**

MCR #146 Access to Territory  
Moved by: Chief Julie Jacobs  
Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore

**For: 8 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #147 CWTG Amendments to MCR #145 19-20 Interim Cannabis License

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore  
Seconded by: Chief Vanessa Adams

**For: 7 Against: 1**

**CARRIED**

MCR #148 Indigenous Services Canada Enhanced Housing Allocation

Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore  
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson

**For: 9 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #149 Ministry of Children and Community and Social Service – IFN Family Well-Being Program 2019-2020

Moved by: Chief Vanessa Adams  
Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

**For: 9 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #150 Ministry of Children and Community and Social Services- IFN Ontario Indigenous Child and Youth Strategy 2019-2020

Moved by: Chief Vanessa Adams  
Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

**For: 9 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #151 2019-2020 Legislative Enactment Regulation

Moved by: Chief Carolyn Francis  
Seconded by: Chief Edward Roundpoint

**For: 8 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #152 Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Special Needs Policy Amendment

Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson  
Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

**For: 8 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #153 Governance & Relationship and Sectoral Agreement (single agreement or two) Self-Government Agreements

Moved by: Chief Edward Roundpoint  
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson

**For: 6 Against: 2**

**CARRIED**

MCR #154 Indian Act Section 13.2(1)

Moved by: Chief Edward Roundpoint  
Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

**For: 7 Against: 1**

**CARRIED**

MCR #155 Indian Act Section 16(2)  
Moved by: Chief Edward Roundpoint

Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

**For: 7 Against: 1**

**CARRIED**

MCR #156 Contribution Agreement from Government of Quebec and Her Majesty the Queen in the Right of Canada and Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore  
Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

**For: 8 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #157 Authorization to Publicize Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Sunshine List

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore  
Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

**For: 8 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #158 S.A.V.E. Funding Agreement-Fiscal Year 2019-2021

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore  
Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson

**For: 8 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #159 Amendment to Ministry of Health Agreement-Physician comp.

# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## MOHAWK COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore  
Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis  
**For: 8 Against: 0**  
**CARRIED**

MCR #160 Accept & Approve the Emergency Council Mtg. Minutes dated Ohiarí:ha/June 10, 2019  
Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson  
Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore  
**For: 8 Against: 0**  
**CARRIED**

MCR #161 Accept & Approve the Emergency Council Mtg. Minutes dated Ohiarí:ha/June 13, 2019  
Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore  
Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis  
**For: 8 Against: 0**  
**CARRIED**

MCR #162 Accept & Approve Council Mtg. Minutes dated Ohiarí:ha/June 24, 2019  
Moved by: Chief Carolyn Francis  
Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs  
**For: 8 Against: 0**  
**CARRIED**

MCR #163 Accept & Approve Council Mtg. Minutes dated Ohiarí:hô:wa/July 8, 2019  
Moved by: Chief Theresa Jacobs  
Seconded by: Chief Darryl Lazore  
**For: 8 Against: 0**  
**CARRIED**

MCR #164 Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Strategic Plan 2018-2021  
Moved by: Chief Theresa Jacobs  
Seconded by: Chief Darryl Lazore  
**For: 8 Against: 0**  
**CARRIED**

MCR #165 Closure of Mohawk Offices during Christmas and New Year  
Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore  
Seconded by: Chief Edward Roundpoint  
**For: 8 Against: 0**  
**CARRIED**

MCR #166 Akwesasne Financial Administration Law-Final Results (Approved)  
Moved by: Chief Julie Jacobs  
Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore  
**For: 12 Against: 0**  
**CARRIED**

MCR #167 Memorandum of Understanding – ISQ and MCA  
Moved by: Chief Tobi Mitchell  
Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore  
**For: 8 Against: 0**  
**CARRIED**

MCR #168 Lot 16 Block C Hamilton Island – Assignment of Lease  
Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore  
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson  
**For: 7 Against: 1**  
**CARRIED**

MCR #169 Accept and Approve

Council Meeting Minutes dated Ohiarí:hô:wa/July 15th, 2019  
Moved by: Chief Julie Jacobs  
Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore  
**For: 8 Against: 0**  
**CARRIED**

MCR #170 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Ohiarí:hô:wa/July 29, 2019  
Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore  
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson  
**For: 8 Against: 0**  
**CARRIED**

MCR #171 Emergency Council Meeting Minutes Ohiarí:hô:wa/July 30, 2019  
Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore  
Seconded by: Chief Darryl Lazore  
**For: 8 Against: 0**  
**CARRIED**

MCR #172 Akwesasne Mohawk Court Re-Appointment of current sitting Justices Shannon Hall & D. Darlene Francis  
Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore  
Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis  
**For: 12 Against: 0**  
**CARRIED**

MCR #173 Housing – Upgrade Application  
Moved by: Chief Vince Thompson  
Seconded by: Chief Darryl Lazore  
**For: 12 Against: 0**  
**CARRIED**

MCR #174 Housing – Upgrade Application  
Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore  
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson  
**For: 12 Against: 0**  
**CARRIED**

MCR #175 Housing – Upgrade Application  
Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore  
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson  
**For: 12 Against: 0**  
**CARRIED**

MCR #180 Ministry of Children and Youth Services Registered Education Savings Plans  
Moved by: Chief Vanessa Adams  
Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs  
**For: 12 Against: 0**  
**CARRIED**

MCR #181 Award Tender to Lazore's Construction for Tsi Snaihne Birch Road Water main Construction and Domestic Water Service Connections  
Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore  
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson  
**For: 11 Against: 0**  
**CARRIED**

MCR #182 Tsi Snaihne Birch Road Water main Construction and Domestic Water Service Connections  
Moved by: Chief Julie Jacobs



# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## MOHAWK COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore

**For: 11 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #183 Lot 16 Block at Hamilton Island – Assignment of Lease

Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore

Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

**For: 8 Against: 3**

**CARRIED**

MCR #184 Lot 16 Stanley Island – Assignment of Lease

Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore

Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #185 To accept & approve the Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) Amending Agreement for: Agreement No. 1920-ON-000024-Amendment No.0002

Moved by: Chief Vanessa Adams

Seconded by: Chief April Phillips

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #186 To accept & approve the Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) Amending Agreement for: Agreement No. 1920-ON-000024-Amendment No. 0003

Moved by: Chief Vince Thompson

Seconded by: Chief Edward Roundpoint

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #187 RAP and Shore Line Health Assessment

Moved by: Chief Tobi Mitchell

Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #188 Mohawks of Akwesasne Wetland Project Phase 1

Moved by: Chief Tobi Mitchell

Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #189 Emergency Council Meeting Minutes dated Seskéha/August 7th, 2019

Moved by: Chief Carolyn Francis

Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #190 Accept & approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Seskéha/August 12, 2019

Moved by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

Seconded by: Chief Vanessa Adams

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #191 Accept & approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Seskéha/August 19, 2019

Moved by: Chief Vanessa Adams

Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #192 Accept & approve Special General Meeting Minutes dated Seskéha/August 24, 2019

Moved by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

Seconded by: Chief Vanessa Adams

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #193 Accept & approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Seskéha/August 26, 2019

Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson

Seconded by: Chief Vanessa Adams

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #194 OFNLP (OLG) Reserves Moved by: Chief Edward Roundpoint

Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #195 Accept & approve draft proposal for Agreement to Establish a process for the restoration or Additions of Lands for the Mohawks of Akwesasne (Expedite ATR Policy)

Moved by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #196 Short term Investment

Strategy for Tsikaristiserel Dundee Compensation

Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson

Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #197 Indigenous Services Canada 2019-2020 Enhanced Women's Shelter Funding

Moved by: Chief Vanessa Adams

Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

**For: 9 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #198 Rescind MCR 2019/2020- #168 dated August 26, 2019

Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore

Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson

**For: 9 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR # 199 Site Work for Program Expansion of Services

Moved by: Chief Vanessa Adams

Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

**For: 9 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

# SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION

## FACEBOOK STATS



### Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in February

1. Outbreak Status at Iakhihsotha Lodge Has Been Lifted
2. Update on COVID-19 Outbreak at Tsiionkwanonhso:te LTC Facility (Feb. 22, 2021)
3. Talk with Docs—MCA Vaccine Update LIVE on CKON
4. Nia:wen to the AMBE Food & Language for Families Program
5. Long-Term Care Residents & Staff Receive First Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine

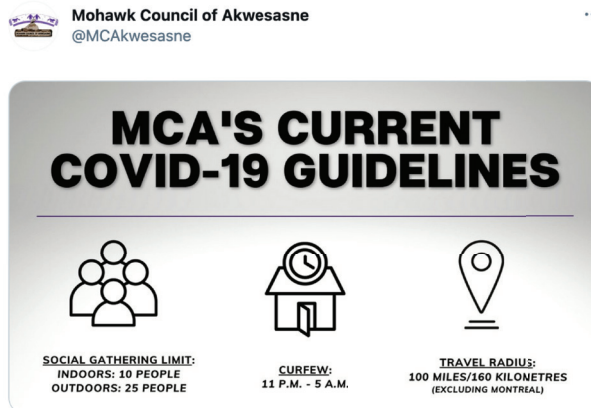
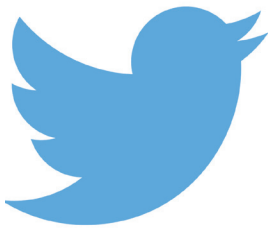
### Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in February

1. Akwesasne Residents Exempt From COVID-19 Testing at Canada's Border Crossings — 14,617 reached
2. Don't Be A Super Sunday Spreader — 7,454 reached
3. MCA Receives Notification of Variant of Concern in Akwesasne — 6,753 reached
4. Outbreak Status at Iakhihsotha Lodge Has Been Lifted — 5,200 reached
5. MCA Reports Five New Positive Cases of COVID-19 (Feb. 19, 2021)

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## TWITTER STATS

### Top Tweet in February



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## YOUTUBE STATS



### Highest Viewed Videos on the MCA Youtube Channel for February

1. COVID-19 Vaccine Update | MCA Dept. of Health
2. Long Term Care Facilities Update | MCA Dept. of Health
3. Your Health Is Our Priority | MCA Dept. of Health



# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCES!

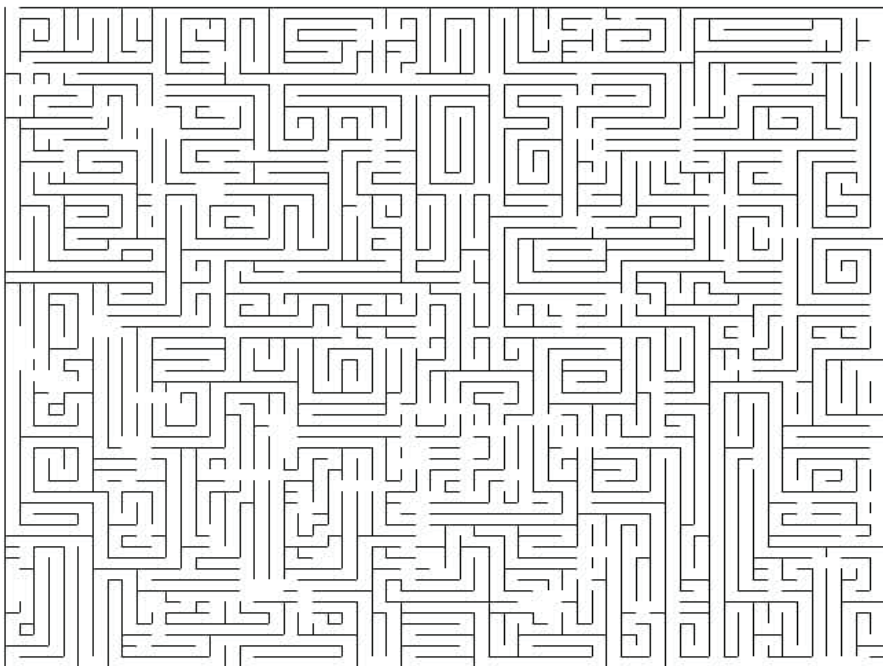
Can you spot the 5 differences between the family skating?



1. There is an extra tree on the left hand side. 2. In the middle, there is an extra fence post. 3. Woman has a green hat in second image. 4. There is a tree missing on the right hand side. 5. The man's skates are black in the second image.

## SIMPLY A-MAZE-ING

Try out this fun maze!



## YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

Where do fruits go on vacation?

Pear-is

What did one wall say to the other?

I'll meet you in the corner!

Why don't eggs tell jokes?

They'd crack each other up!

What does a bee use to brush its hair?

A honeycomb!

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## EASTERN ONTARIO HEALTH UNIT MOVES TO ORANGE ZONE STATUS (FEBRUARY 16)

The Ontario government has moved twenty-seven (27) public health regions out of the “shutdown” status and into “revised and strengthened” status; one of the 27 being the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU), of which the City of Cornwall and Akwesasne fall under. The order is effective as of February 16, 2021.

The decision to move EOHU into the Orange Zone Status was based on public health trends, such as lowering transmission rates of COVID-19, improving hospital capacity, and available public health capacity to conduct rapid case and contact management across Ontario. EOHU will stay within the Orange Zone Status for two weeks at a time, during which the government will assess the impact on public health and workplace safety measures. After a two-week assessment period, the decision will be made if the EOHU needs to be moved to another zone level.

Under the Orange Zone Status, indoor engagements are limited to 10 people indoor, 25 people outdoor. Restaurants, gyms, retail establishments, and other facilities, etc. will be open, with strict limits in place, such as wearing masks/PPE, maximum capacity occupancy, time limits, and ensuring social distancing is maintained.

With the zone status change, MCA’s Department of Health would like to remind the community to remain diligent to public health and safety measures when out in public: wear your mask, wash/sanitize your hands frequently, and practice so-cial distancing. Community should also be reminded that the zone status can change after a two-week public health assessment. For the full article, and links to Ontario’s full COVID-19 Response Framework, please visit Eastern Ontario Health Unit’s Public Health website: [www.eohu.ca](http://www.eohu.ca).



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## COVID-19 COMMUNITY SITUATION REPORT

(MARCH 2, 2021)

MCA	
TOTAL TESTS	1,746
TOTAL POSITIVE CASES	243
ACTIVE CASES	14

*This information was provided by the MCA Community Health Program.  
Data was updated as of March 2, 2021.*

SRMT	
TOTAL TESTS	8,109
TOTAL POSITIVE CASES	250
ACTIVE CASES	43

*This information was provided by the SRMT Emergency Operations Center.  
Data was updated as of March 1, 2021.*

TOTAL DEATHS	10
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SURROUNDING AREAS				
	ACTIVE CASES	TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	TOTAL TESTS
EOHU REGION	133	2,830	68	110,992
FRANKLIN CO.	276	2,161	13	68,463
ST. LAWRENCE CO.	564	6,242	86	221,972

*This information was provided by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (updated March 1, 2021), Franklin County Public Health (updated March 2, 2021), & St. Lawrence County Public Health (updated March 1, 2021).*

PROVINCIAL, NATIONAL & GLOBAL		
	TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS
ONTARIO	302,805	22,017
CANADA	870,033	21,994
WORLDWIDE	114.1 million	2.53 million

*This information was provided by the Ontario Ministry of Health, Health Canada, & the World Health Organization.  
Data was updated as of March 2, 2021.*





# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## INFORMATION ON COVID-19 VARIANTS

Due to community inquiry, the MCA Department of Health (DOH) would like to provide some information on the different strains of COVID-19 that are being reported in the news and various media outlets. As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, the DOH has made every effort to keep the community informed on the latest developments. Concern about the new reported strains and the vaccine efficacy have been raised.

Variants are a mutation of the COVID-19 strain, which has impacts on public and clinical health; transmission and vaccine effectiveness are concerns. The COVID-19 variants have occurred, as expected, due to the virus circulating in different areas and populations. The more a virus circulates, the more opportunity it has to change/mutate.

There are 219 cases of the UK-variant of COVID-19 that have been reported in Ontario. Variant strains from South Africa and Brazil have also been identified. Evidence shows the three variants are more contagious and infectious. Early evidence in Ontario has shown

the incubation period can be shorter, resulting in rapid transmission. Currently, there is ongoing research of the vaccine effectiveness of the COVID variants.

Ongoing research is being conducted to grasp the extent of the exact spread of the variants in Ontario. Efforts are ongoing to contain the variants in areas where it has not been detected. Despite the growing number of variants in Ontario, the COVID-19 vaccine is still highly recommended.

As it has been since the start of the pandemic, all efforts are being made to stop/slow the spread of the new variants of COVID-19, as the more contagious a variant of the COVID-19 virus is, the risk of overwhelming health systems becomes higher.

The DOH is reminding community members that the best way to prevent COVID-19 is to continue with public health measures: wearing a mask in public, social distancing up to 6-feet, no social gatherings outside of your own household, washing and sanitizing hands on a regular basis, and only going out for essential needs.

## MCA'S CURRENT COVID-19 GUIDELINES



**SOCIAL GATHERING LIMIT:**  
INDOORS: 10 PEOPLE  
OUTDOORS: 25 PEOPLE



**CURFEW:**  
11 P.M. - 5 A.M.



**TRAVEL RADIUS:**  
100 MILES/160 KILOMETRES  
(EXCLUDING MONTREAL)

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## DOH ANNOUNCES COVID-19 VARIANT TYPE IN COMMUNITY

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health (DOH) has been notified of the COVID-19 Variant of Concern (VOC) type within the Jurisdiction of MCA, that being B.1.351 (501Y.V2) (originally identified in South Africa).

There is no evidence that the South African VOC causes more serious illness or symptoms for those who are infected with this strain. As with the main version of COVID-19, elders and community members with underlying health conditions remain at the highest risk. However, the concern, as research has shown, is transmission and infection are much more rapid, which can cause COVID-19 VOCs to spread rapidly.

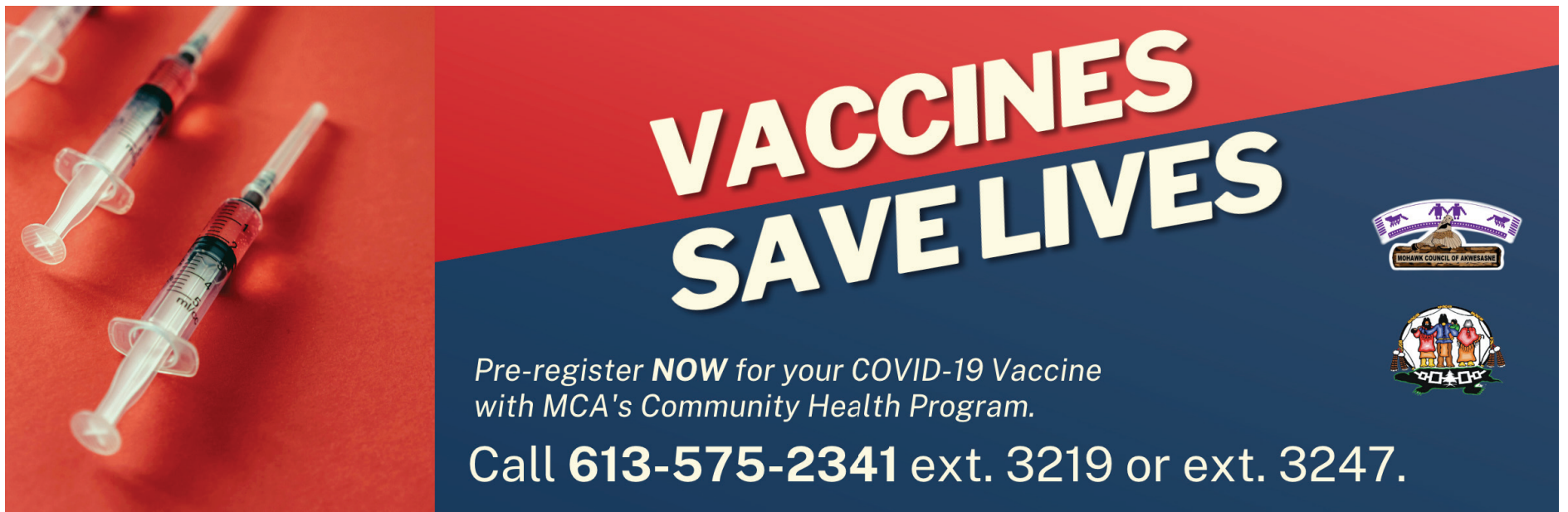
DOH is reminding community members to remain diligent in following public health measures: wearing a mask when in public, social distancing at least 6 feet when outside your own household, washing/sanitizing hands frequently, and staying to your own household bubble.

DOH is encouraging the community to pre-register for the COVID-19 community vaccine clinic in preparation for when the clinics take place. To pre-register for the COVID-19 vaccine clinic, call 613-575-2341 ext. 3219 or 3247.

## AKWESASNE NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

The Akwesasne Non-Insured Health Benefits Program (ANIHB) is informing the community that they are currently unable to accommodate new medical transport requests at this time. The ANIHB Program will update the community when they resume normal operations.

If you have any questions, please contact the ANIHB Medical Transportation Program at 613-575-2341 ext. 3340, and ask to speak to a Transportation Coordinator. Nia:wen for your patience and understanding.



**VACCINES  
SAVE LIVES**

Pre-register **NOW** for your COVID-19 Vaccine  
with MCA's Community Health Program.

Call **613-575-2341** ext. 3219 or ext. 3247.

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVISES AGAINST AT-HOME COVID-19 RAPID TESTS

The MCA Community Health Program has been informed of at-home rapid testing being utilized in detecting the COVID-19 virus, and providing a false-negative result. False-negative results are being confirmed from at-home rapid testing, with the person developing symptoms and being positive via polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing days after their at-home rapid result. The at-home rapid testing is not as accurate as the PCR (nasal swab) testing that is completed within the various health facilities in Akwesasne. The rapid test should be followed up by a PCR test to confirm results. Any COVID-19 test should be guided by a healthcare professional.

The PCR (nasal swab) test is considered the “gold standard” in COVID-19 testing. This test detects genetic material specific to COVID-19 and can detect the virus within days of infection, even in those with no symptoms. Results from the PCR test generally take longer (2-7 days). The antigen (rapid) test detects specific

fragments of the COVID-19 virus, with results coming as fast as 15 minutes. Rapid tests are most accurate in those who have developed symptoms; for those who don't have symptoms, a false-negative result can be as high as 50%.

A false-negative result means that the results came back negative, but the person taking the test does in fact have the virus. False-negative rapid results can have disastrous consequences in trying to contain and slow the spread of COVID-19.

If you've been exposed to the COVID-19 virus, please quarantine, and contact the Community Health Program at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220, to schedule your COVID-19 PCR test. Community Health will provide guidance on when to get tested (7-9 days post-exposure is advised) and will provide you with an appointment to receive your test.

## COVID-19 RAPID TESTS ARE INEXPENSIVE & FAST, BUT SOMETIMES GIVE INCORRECT RESULTS



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# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## MCA SEEKS HEALTHCARE STAFF

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is currently seeking staff to fill several positions and areas in need throughout the Department of Health. The pandemic has left many programs short on staff or unable to fill positions.

We are encouraging anyone interested in emergency employment to submit a resume identifying skills and areas of interest to our Human Resources office. Sever-

al positions will be filled immediately on an emergency hire, term basis.

Staff are currently sought for the following areas/positions: Nurses, RPNs, and Personal Support Workers.

Any questions or resume submissions can be directed to:

- [jobs@akwesasne.ca](mailto:jobs@akwesasne.ca)
- 613-575-2250 ext. 2145, 2146, or 2147



WE'RE HIRING!

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT MCA

[AKWESASNE.CA/EMPLOYMENT](http://AKWESASNE.CA/EMPLOYMENT)



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## PHARMACY REMINDS COMMUNITY TO ENSURE ACCESSIBLE DROP SPOT FOR MEDICATION DELIVERY

Proxim Pharmacy Akwesasne, located in the Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility, is reminding community members who utilize the delivery service for their medications that there needs to be a no-contact, accessible method/drop spot for the delivery of their prescriptions. If you will not be home to receive your medications when being delivered, you must provide a method for your medications to be left, or reschedule

your delivery. Delivery of medications needs to be left in an easily-accessible box or shelf by your doorstep. All measures are being taken to keep our staff, and our community members, safe.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact the Proxim Pharmacy staff at 613-575-1160 or 613-575-2341 ext. 3250.

# WHEN SHOULD I GET A COVID-19 TEST AFTER EXPOSURE?



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### DAY OF EXPOSURE

If you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, begin your 14-day quarantine. Schedule your COVID-19 test through MCA Community Health at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220.

### TESTING PERIOD

Most accurate testing window. This is the ideal time to take your COVID-19 test.

### RECEIVE TEST RESULTS

If you receive a negative test result, on day 14 you can end your quarantine. If you are positive, you must follow advice from your health care provider.

### QUARANTINE PERIOD

You must quarantine for full 14 days even if you receive a negative COVID-19 test.





# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

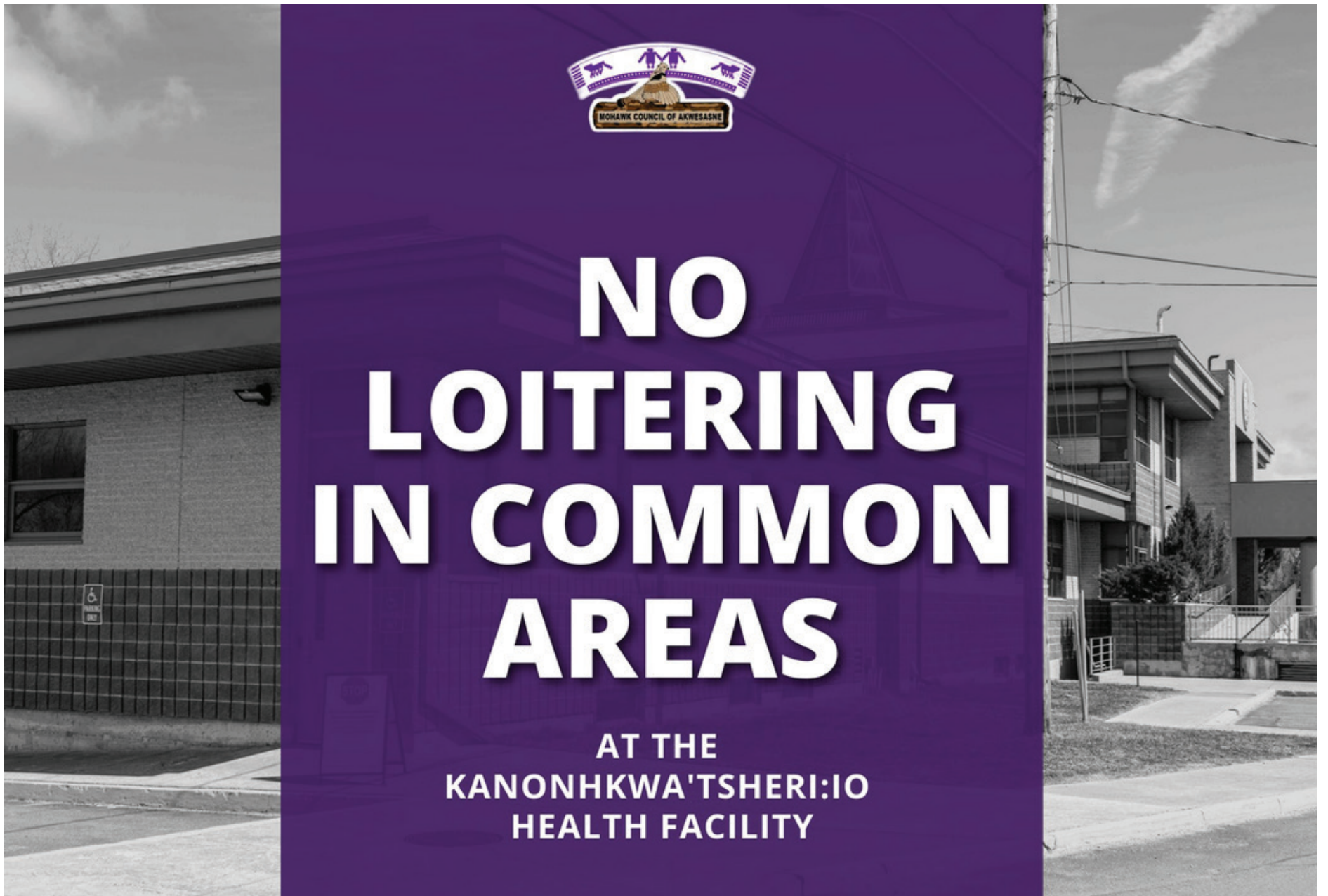
## NO LOITERING AT KANONHKWA'TSHERI:IO HEALTH FACILITY

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to remind the community that loitering & congregating in the common areas of Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility is not permitted.

In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the MCA Department of Health has implemented entrance procedures for the facility that require visitors to be escorted to and from their appointments. Community members are not permitted to wander or loiter in the

health facility due to these restrictions. You must have an escort at all times when inside Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io and travel straight to your appointment from the front door. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Social distancing efforts help to slow the spread of COVID-19. Working together, we can all do our part to protect each other and the community.





# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## I HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WITH COVID-19. WHAT DO I DO?

If you were notified of an exposure by a public health authority, call the MCA Community Health Program at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220 for screening and advisement of your isolation period.

It is recommended to self-isolate for 14 days or until cleared or resolved by your health care provider.



### STAY AT HOME

DO NOT go out for groceries or other items. Have a designated person to do your essential shopping. Stay in a designated room away from your immediate family and use a separate toilet/bathroom if possible. Continue to wash your hands frequently and sanitize your home.

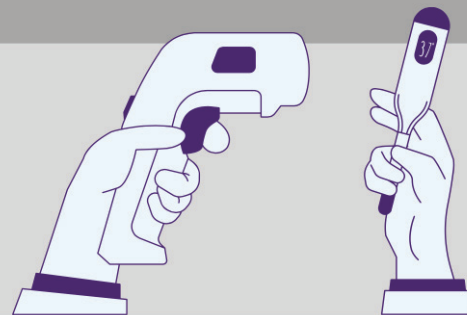


### GET TESTED

Call ahead to make an appointment (do NOT just show up) through the MCA Department of Health. The COVID-19 testing site has recently been relocated to Third Street in Kana:takon. Please note that this should be the ONLY time you leave your home during self-quarantine. If you need immediate medical care, call Central Dispatch at 613-575-2000.

### MONITOR YOUR SYMPTOMS

Make sure that you take your temperature regularly (high fever is anything over 100°F), and monitor COVID-19 symptoms, which include fever, cough, difficulty breathing, and fatigue. If symptoms worsen, call your medical health provider.



### KEEP A LOG

Make a list of those that you have been around recently in the case you are positive. It is helpful to keep a daily log and keep of list of people and locations you were around if needed by any public health authority.



# SELF-ISOLATE AFTER YOU HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR COVID-19

If you were notified of an exposure, please call the MCA Community Health Program at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220 for screening and advisement of isolation period.

It is recommended to self-isolate for 14 days or until you are cleared/resolved by your health care provider.



**IF YOU WERE EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WITH COVID-19, PLEASE BE SURE TO GET TESTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**



**STAY AT HOME. DO NOT GO OUT FOR ESSENTIAL ITEMS BECAUSE IF YOU ARE POSITIVE, YOU COULD SPREAD THE VIRUS.**



**STAY IN DESIGNATED ROOM AWAY FROM YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY & USE A SEPARATE BATHROOM IF POSSIBLE.**



**AFTER YOU RECEIVE YOUR RESULTS, PLEASE FOLLOW ADVISEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY.**



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## DOH ANNOUNCES COVID-19 VACCINE PRIORITY FRAMEWORK (FEBRUARY 1)

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's (MCA) Department of Health (DOH) is providing the community with the priority framework, which lays out priority for COVID-19 vaccine distribution. The framework lays out the four tiers of priority: High Risk Population, Frontline Health Worker/Essential Health Worker, Adults, and Akwe-

sasne/First Nation members living/residing in the City of Cornwall.

If you fall in the four tiers indicated, and are interested in receiving the vaccine, please call 613-575-2341 ext. 3219 or ext. 3247 to pre-register.

# MODERNA COVID-19 PRIORITY FRAMING



Phase 1	Population	Includes
<b>Tier 1 High Risk Population</b>	Long Term Care Home Tsiionkwanonhso:te Iakhihsohtha	Long Term Care Residents Long Term Care Staff Essential Caregiver
<b>Tier 2 Frontline Health Workers/Essential Health Workers</b>  *These will be provided on appointment only basis.  Community Clinics will be provided on appointment basis only.	Essential Personal Front line workers  Community Care workers providing daily direct care to COVID-19 patients and health care workers.  Vulnerable populations 60+ Elders	Home Care Home Support COVID-19 Testing Site Vaccinators First Responders (Fire, ambulance and Police) Essential workers, Pharmacy, Optometry, Dental, Teachers  People aged 80 and over People aged 70-79 People Aged 60-69
<b>Tier 3 Adults</b>	Adults	People aged 50-59 People aged 40-49 People aged <40
<b>Tier 4 Akwesasne First Nation Members-Living in Cornwall</b>	Adults living off reserve in Cornwall	Any person who is an Akwesasne First Nation Member & lives in Cornwall



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## IAKHIHSOHTHA LODGE NOTIFIED OF POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE (FEBRUARY 10)


The MCA's Department of Health (DOH) has received confirmation from the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) that a staff member of the Iakhihsohta Lodge has tested positive for COVID-19. The COVID-19 test result was detected by Iakhihsohta Lodge's regular weekly nasal swab surveillance testing. The staff member is currently home in isolation. All staff, residents, and residents' families have been notified.

With community spread continuing to be a concern, this regular testing protocol helps us detect new positive cases, or any one that is asymptomatic, early, which will assist in limiting the potential risk of exposure to our residents. Iakhihsohta residents & staff have also received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, which will greatly assist in the prevention of spread to residents and staff. The second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine for long-term care staff and residents was distrib-


uted on Saturday, February 13, 2021.

Our team continues to ensure enhanced infection prevention and control measures remain in place, such as symptom screening our residents and staff team members, a minimum of twice daily, terminal cleaning of high-touch surfaces, ensuring that our staff are wearing masks and personal protective equipment (PPE) along with revisiting our infection prevention and control protocols to ensure they are being strictly adhered to.

MCA extends its sincere wishes and a speedy recovery to all those infected with COVID-19, as well as appreciation to those isolating and quarantining to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 at our long term care. We thank our frontline health-care staff for their care and dedication to our most precious resources: our Totas.



## COVID-19 VACCINE EFFECTIVENESS TIMELINE



**DAY 1**

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**DAY 28**

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


**DAY 42**

**Receive first dose of Moderna vaccine.**  
*First dose is approximately 60% effective.*

**Boost (2nd Dose) of Moderna vaccine.**

**Optimal effectiveness of vaccine reached.**  
*Approximately 95% effective.*

**After receiving the vaccination, you must continue to:**

- AVOID LARGE GROUPS**  

- SOCIAL DISTANCE**  

- WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY**  

- WEAR A MASK**  


# AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

## DEO'S AND CEO APPOINTED

In February 2021, new Deputy Electoral Officers (DEO) and the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) were sworn into their positions according to the 2019 Akwesasne Election Law.

Leona Benedict is the CEO, appointed by the Executive Director (formally known as the Chief Administrative Officer).

**Chief Electoral Officer:** Leona Benedict

**Deputy Electoral Officers:**

**Kawehno:ke:** Margaret Thomas, Joan Mitchell, Theresa Benedict

**Tsi Snaihne:** Delia Thompson, Theresa Thompson, Deanna Jacobs

**Kana:takon:** Andrea Lazore, Mena Cook, Cheavee Willie



Leona Benedict is being sworn in.



DEO's and CEO being sworn into their positions.



The Chief Electoral Officer and Deputy Electoral Officers ensure Akwesasne elections run according to the 2019 Akwesasne Election Law.

## CONTACT US!

Akwesasne Justice Department  
(613) 575-2250 ext. 2400

Akwesasne Court  
(613) 575-2250 ext. 1026

Akwesasne Community Justice  
Program  
(613) 575-2250 ext. 2409



# AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

## PARENT MEETING UPDATE (FEBRUARY 18)

On February 18, 2021, the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education hosted a parent meeting for AMBE.

Here is important information in case you missed it.

### IMPORTANT DATES

To maximize instructional days, there may be times when a group of students has a schedule changes to accomodate a training session, holiday or closure.

#### March

March 1-5—NEW march break

March 8—Akwasasne Child Care for Essential workers

March 28—AMBE Registration Begins for Head Start, K4 and New Students K5-Grade 8

#### April

April 2 & 5—Easter Holidays

April 6—Teachers on site to prepare

April 9—Last day for hybrid students for full remote

April 12—Planned return to Hybrid Model

AMBE continues to prioritize the health and safety of students, staff and the community.

AMBE made decisions based on important health data:

- Rising number of positive cases in the community and surrounding areas.
- Number of staff and parent reports of potential exposure and/or positive cases.
- On a daily bases, we receive 1-5 calls for tracing and if schools were open this would impact several classes of teachers and students—causing a forced and reactive closure.
- New variants of COVID-19 spread easily and quickly.

### PARENT SUPPORT

- We must all do our part in social distancing and fol-

lowing recommendations in order to lower numbers and be able to return onsite.

- We recognize that this has not been easy for anyone and that parents trying to work and support online learning is very difficult.
- We thank you for all your efforts. We are also very eager to get back to normal and miss seeing the children at the schools.
- We invite parents to join the parent support groups offered by our school counselors on Wednesdays.

### AMBE FOOD SERVICES UPDATE

- We are continuing our partnership with the Boys and Girls Club—delivering 150 meals daily!
- AMBE Food and Language new initiative will continue weekly until the end of March—this is for all AMBE families and is intended to encourage language use directly related to the foods supplied.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

- Please keep your student's school up-to-date on how to contact you. Contact information needs to be updated with your child's school. This will help with the delivery of automated School Messenger information. Please be sure to check the AMBE Facebook Page and the AMBE website. Important links for learning platforms can be found there.

### NIA:WEN PARENTS

- Niawenhko:wa to our parents who are working with our teachers to ensure their children are attending their online lessons and completing assigned work.
- Attendance is recorded for all online lessons. These lessons are required to support success and to collect grades for students.
- If students are not attending their online classes, they are missing lessons that are being delivered to support curriculum requirements.



# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

## DCSS FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM: DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

MCA's Department of Community & Social Services (DCSS) is informing the community that food box registrants must call or email the DCSS Food Security Program to register each week by Friday at 4 p.m., to be eligible for the following week's distribution. Food boxes are available for pick-up BY APPOINTMENT ONLY on Thursdays, between 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., unless other arrangements have been made. Call 613-932-1548 ext. 1300 or 1302, or email [foodsecurity@akwesasne.ca](mailto:foodsecurity@akwesasne.ca), to register each week for food pick-up.

This program is open to all MCA jurisdictional members; a head of household and band number is required along with a phone number and address. An intake form must be filled out in advance. Boxes are built based on the number of family members per household. Limit of one box per address.

Due to COVID-19 protocols, all recipients will have a pick-up window in which to pick up their box. DCSS staff will notify you of your pick-up time. If you are not present during your pick-up time, you will be asked to wait until someone can assist you, or be rescheduled. All recipients of this program will be asked to stay in their vehicle until a staff person comes to assist them. A mask MUST be worn at all times during the pick-up, for your safety and the safety of the staff.

Items that will be included in the weekly distribution include fresh produce, meats, bread, and eggs. Items that will be available on a monthly basis are dry canned goods, fresh produce, as well as household and hygiene items. Dates for monthly distribution items will be announced at a later date.

In the case of an urgent food need or emergency, please contact the Food Security Program to arrange an emergency pick-up at 613-932-1548 ext. 1300.

If you have been directed to quarantine, you must contact the Community in Quarantine Program prior to signing up for the food distribution.

**DO NOT LEAVE QUARANTINE TO PICK UP FOOD OR ESSENTIAL ITEMS.**

The Community in Quarantine Program can be reached at 613-937-4322 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) or 800-480-4208 (After hours/weekends). The MCA Department of Community and Social Services' Food Security Program held their first distribution on February 23 at the former Ionkwanonhsaset-si Adolescent Treatment Centre (44 James Lane on Kawehno:ke) to provide food and essential needs to Akwesasronon.

## **DCSS FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM**

**Please register each week by Friday at 4 p.m.**

**613-932-1548 ext. 1300 or 1302**

**[foodsecurity@akwesasne.ca](mailto:foodsecurity@akwesasne.ca)**



# DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING

## DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING (DIH) UPDATE

### Changes to MCA Department of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment (DIHE)

The DIHE is currently being led by Leslie Papineau, as Acting Director. Leslie has been with the department for many years as the Technical Project Manager and has worked closely with the former Director Jay Benedict. Leslie is a licensed Architect through the Ontario Association of Architects and is on assignment as Acting Director to the end of March 2021.

Should you need to reach Leslie, she is located at the CIA#3 Building on Kawehno:ke in the DIHE Administration Office. Her telephone extension is 1007, and she can be reached by email at: [leslie.papineau@akwesasne.ca](mailto:leslie.papineau@akwesasne.ca). Alternatively, an appointment can be made through her Executive Assistant, Karla Ransom. Karla can be reached through extension 1003 or by email:

[karla.ransom.dts@akwesasne.ca](mailto:karla.ransom.dts@akwesasne.ca).

The Department of Infrastructure provides the following update for on-going projects

### Completed Projects of 2019/2020:

- DCSS Outreach Program Building, Whoville Snye — Completed



*Leslie Papineau is the acting Director for the Department of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment*

- The AMPS Boathouse: multi- project stages— 90% Complete – Electric Power Upgrade pending
- Kaná:takon Health Facility Renovations—Completed
- Tsi Snáihne Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrades — Completed

### CONTACT US!

Administration  
(613) 575-2250 ext. 1003

Maintenance Program  
(613)-575-2250 ext. 1022

Roads Department  
Central Dispatch (613) 575-2340  
or (613) 938-5476

Water / Wastewater Infrastructure  
Emergency (613) 575-2000

After Hours Pager (518)404-3352  
Office Hours Mon – Fri. 8AM-4PM (613) 933-4924  
Solid Waste Management (Garbage and Recycling)  
(613) 575-2250 ext. 1022

Housing  
(613) 575-2250 ext. 2300

Environment  
(613) 575-2250 ext. 1038

# DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING

## DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING (DIH) UPDATE

- Iakhihsóhtha Fire Alarm Upgrades — Completed May 2021.
- DCSS Family Wellness Centre Project—Completed
- Birch Road Watermain—Completed
- Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades - SCADA—Completed
- Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Water Treatment Plant Vertical Turbine Pumps—Completed
- Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) replacement at the St. Regis Water Treatment Plant—Completed
- Roads Cross Culverts - Snye—Completed
- Snye School Window Replacement Project Phase I —Completed; Phase II in 2021/2022
- Wade Lafrance Memorial Road Reconstruction Project—Phase I Completed; Phase II is Tender Ready. ISC funding application is made. Targeted for 2021.
- MCA Administration Building No. 2 Demolition—Completed

### Projects Pending Due to Funding Need 2020/2021 to 2021/2022:

Park Street & Hilltop Drive Reconstruction Project: The work plan includes sanitary sewer replacement, installation of proposed storm sewer, & complete road reconstruction—MCR 2020/2021#014 approved DIH to apply for funding through Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) Capital Projects. The funding request is under review.

### Current Projects Updates 2020/2021

#### Snye School:

The Department of Infrastructure applied to the 'Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust' and was approved funding to explore project development for a new Snye School. A request for proposal (RFP) was tendered with the successful Consultant Contract award to 'Figurr' [figurr.ca]. The report is planned to be completed by the end of

#### Snye School HVAC/Boiler Systems Control Replacement Design:

'Jp2g Consultants Inc.' have completed Design for the Project. This work is delayed due to restrictions placed for the COVID-19 directives. A new time line for the project will be re-established when full operations are restored.

#### Tsiionkwanóhso:te Fire Alarm Upgrades, Magnetic Door Lock Systems, and Roof Replacement:

The mandate is to repair and replace identified Life Safety deficiencies. The funding for this project in the amount of approximately \$1.6M has been secured through Health Canada. Project planning will occur with the MCA Department of Health, and the project construction will commence by the spring of this year (2021).

#### Hamilton Island Bridge Repair:

The load posting for the bridge in its current condition after structural repairs was increased to 15 tonnes for one year. The Request for Proposals will be sent out for design consultants. This process is ongoing.

#### Street Lighting:

There are reviews underway for additional lighting for streets and various public locations throughout all three Districts. Funding sources are being sought. DIHE is also tasked with reviewing existing lights for repair or replacement. Information about how to report issues with street lights will be coming out soon as a general communique to the community.



# DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING

## DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING (DIH) UPDATE

### Road Reconstruction Assessments:

The DIHE Roads sector is completing a road assessment of the condition of roadways within the three districts. The list of roads compiled will be bundled into project deliveries over the next few years as funding becomes available.

The first step is to initiate consultant services to prepare tender ready projects. This work is ongoing. In addition to this, DIHE is recommending a Road Traffic Study survey be completed by a Traffic Engineer to recommend solutions for signage. Guardrails/Guiderrails are in the process of being assessed for costs of repair/replacement.

### New Projects:

#### Snye Fire Station #3 Project:

DIHE is assisting HAVFD and Snye Public Safety Portfolio Chiefs with ISC funding application through the Project Approval Request (PAR) process. Design Consultants have been awarded. They are to complete the detail design tender ready documents that will be used for the funding submission.

### AMPS Central Police Station on Kawehno:ke

This is a Public Private Partnership (P3) project. DIHE is assisting with intermediary guidance between the groups that are the private owner, the AMPS Chief of Police, and the Design Consultant to develop the concept drawings and scope of work being defined for the project.

### Appreciation:

DIHE sectors of Roads, Water/Wastewater, Building Maintenance Operations, Skilled Workers and Administration have been at work throughout the Pandemic and continue to provide community and client services.

They have taken added training related to pandemic needs, they have participated in preparedness planning, and take placements as on-call service providers as part of after hour services. They do so without hesitancy or delay. They back each other up as a team.

To all of the DIHE Staff, niawenko:wa, for your dedication.

## GARBAGE PICKUP SCHEDULE

Tsi Snaihne—Thursday  
Kawehno:ke—Friday  
Kana:takon—Saturday



## RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

Tuesday for ALL districts.

# AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

## AMPS SNOWMOBILE SAFETY TIPS

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service Snowmobile, ATV and Vessel Enforcement Unit (SAVE) would like to offer the community some safety tips.

### 1. Check the weather forecast and plan ahead.

It is always a good idea to check the weather conditions and to plan ahead. If the trail is frozen, the wind chill is too low, or a blizzard with white-out conditions is in the forecast, you will want to plan your ride for another day. Checking the weather also helps you select the proper clothing for the day.

### 2. Wear appropriate clothes and protective gear.

Staying warm and dry during your ride will make it more enjoyable and safer. Wear a snowmobile suit, which commonly consists of a jacket and insulated bibs. Under your snowmobile suit, dress in layers. Stay away from cotton because if it gets wet, it will freeze. Choose polyester blends to wick moisture away from your body. In addition, wear goggles or a face shield if you do not have a full-face helmet, socks (no cotton), waterproof gloves, winter hat, facemask and winter boots. Always wear a DOT-approved helmet, not only to keep you warm but to also protect your head from injury. Make sure children have a helmet that properly fits.

### 3. Inspect your snowmobile before your ride.

Make sure your snowmobile is running properly before heading out on the trail. Having your owner's manual handy on your ride is a good idea for extra safety. It is important to follow the recommended service schedule to keep it maintained and running smoothly. Before each ride, check fuel and oil levels, battery, brakes, drive belt, skis, throttle, handlebars, headlights and taillights. Also, make sure you allow your snowmobile time to run for at least a minute to warm up before taking off.

### 4. Bring a buddy.

Riding with a friend or in a group is fun and also safer, especially on trails you have never taken before. Someone else can help you if your snowmobile breaks down or if you get into an accident. It is also recommended to tell a friend or family member your plans and route for your ride in case you do get stranded. Keep in mind that cell phones don't always work in remote areas.

### 5. Carry a first-aid kit, emergency kit and repair kit.

Keep a basic first-aid kit in the snowmobile in case of injury. It should include: disinfecting wipes, bandages, hand sanitizer, gauze, adhesive tape and Band-Aids. In addition, carry an emergency kit with waterproof matches, flashlight, compass, map, blanket, water, snacks and a knife. A repair kit is also essential and should include: duct tape, tools, spare belt, tow rope, spark plugs and pry bar.

### 6. Stay alert.

It is important to be observant and watch for obstacles in your path, such as rocks, fallen trees, barbed wire fences, ditches, open water, other snowmobiles, snow banks, animals, hikers and skiers.

### 7. Avoid frozen rivers.

It is impossible to gauge the thickness of ice. Ice can easily crack and give way under your snowmobile.

### 8. Do not speed.

Driving at a moderate pace will allow you to react to an unexpected occurrence on your trail and avoid an accident.

### 9. Stay on the trail.

Although Akwesasne does not offer groomed snowmobile trails, police are asking snowmobilers to request permission before utilizing private property. Failure to



# AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

## AMPS SNOWMOBILE SAFETY TIPS

do so can result in police action.

### 10. Driver should be the age of 16 or older.

It is also strongly recommended that children under the age of 16 do not operate a snowmobile. The reason for this is because they may lack the skills needed to safely operate the vehicle and due to their stature can be easily injured.

### 11. Do not overload your snowmobile.

Make sure you check your manufacturer's guide for the approved number of passengers and also the amount of weight it can carry. Exceeding these maximums either from an additional passenger or heavy gear can

increase your chances of accidents and injuries

### 12. Never operate a snowmobile while impaired.

Just like driving a car, operating a snowmobile while impaired can lead to delayed responses and cause accidents.

Overall snowmobiling can be fun and safe when the operator follows the recommended guidelines and practices safe snowmobile techniques. For more information on local rules and regulations please contact your local law enforcement agency or the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service at 613-575-2340.



AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

# JOB POSTING

CADET-CONSTABLE | DEADLINE: MARCH 5, 2021

FOR JOB POSTING VISIT: <http://www.akwesasne.ca/employment/>





MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE

# DOH ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC

**MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021  
KANA:TAKON RECREATION CENTER  
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

**VACCINES AT THIS CLINIC WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO ELDERS,  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH TIER 1 OF THE DOH VACCINE PRIORITY FRAMEWORK.**

**TO PRE-REGISTER FOR VACCINE, PLEASE CALL**

**613-575-2341**

**EXT. 3219 OR EXT. 3247**

**IF YOU ARE AN ELDER, OR MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE JURISDICTION OF MCA  
PLEASE PRE-REGISTER FOR YOUR VACCINE TODAY!**

