



UPDATE FROM CHIEF REG NIGANOBE

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Aanii/Boozhoo,

The COVID-19 virus continues to spread across Canada.

Mississaugi continues to monitor the unfolding pandemic with the help of our Health Staff as well as Maamwesying Health Services and other Health organizations.

Very soon the Band Staff will receive an announcement from the Director of Operations. Non-essential staff will be released to return home for the remainder of the month.

However, the Band Office will remain open to provide some services. HEALTH SERVICES will be top priority at this time. Those who access Health Service on a weekly basis can still do so at this time and for the duration of the month.

Maamwesying Health Services will also continue to operate as well as Minobimaadizing services within the Band Office. Regular visitors to the Health Side will still be able to access health related services (diabetes, wound care, other). Please share with others that the Health Dept. will be open during this time.

Red Pine Lodge and nurse Tanya Bates will also be available during this time to help care for and monitor our Elders. Tanya will be coordinating with Elders directly to assist their needs.

Food Bank remains in service at this time.

Education will be closed as well as Daycare.

Police and Fire will continue to provide services.

Public Works will be keeping roads and maintenance activities as needed.

Activities and gatherings cancelled until further notice.

Presentations and presenters who were scheduled to come to the community are canceled until further notice.

All travel for Chief and Council as well as staff was halted last week and will continue to be halted.

In Motion Fitness Centre has been closed and will be closed until further notice.

We are currently in the process of arranging a delivery system for Elders and those with immuno-compromised systems to receive deliveries and make arrangements. Please have patience while this is established.

In this trying time please do what Mississauga always does best and shines at, and that's coming together as a community when emergency's happen. The need to depend on each other will grow during this time.

Please check in on one another and please use the information sheets provided online and which were delivered to your homes. Info on avoiding the spread of COVID-19 and helping others. Please take the time to develop a family plan with your family members in the event that members become ill with the virus.

Please be patient with our services as they are now limited further and will probably be delayed and tested throughout the month.

Again, please help each other, please take care, please stay safe, and please take precautions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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Chief Reg Niganobe