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Aanii/Boozhoo,

Cases of COVID-19 have increased within the areas surrounding our First Nation. There are confirmed cases in Sudbury, Sault Ste Marie, and Manitoulin Island. These cases have so far, been linked to residents returning from U.S or International travel at this time. The additional reported cases are individuals that are in close contact with the those people who have returned.

Within Mississauga First Nation and our neighbouring towns, we still have zero cases as of this writing. Mississaugi would like to keep it this way until vaccines can be found, or the virus is halted in another way. For this to happen however, we must take extra care and precaution through our continued social distancing practices.

Please continue to check-in on one another through phone or social media connection. Please do not check-in on one another through physical, in-person meetings. In-person check-ins are not proper social distancing. Please hold all visits, including visits to your friends on MFN until all this is over. With COVID-19 not everyone will display symptoms of COVID-19, and we will all react differently to the virus once it enters our systems. This is the reason for not interacting with anyone and keeping your social/physical distance from everyone.

If you need supplies and need to venture out of your household, try to ensure that there is one person designated to leave the house. Make sure they use all proper protocols while out. Hand washing before and after entering public areas. Social distancing from other patrons of the public area you visit. Try not to touch high contact areas (people commonly touch door handles, shopping cart handles, banking machines). You may even consider washing your clothes or keeping them in a separate bag immediately after returning home once your excursion is done. Showering after returning home is also advised. Especially if you live with others in the household.

Chief and Council as well as the Emergency Control Group continue to monitor the situations as they arise. We continue to adjust accordingly as situations change. This includes staying up to date on quarantine measures, extension of school closures, and making sure we have proper health supports.

We ask that the community continues to help by remaining at home as much as possible. Not visiting friends either in town or in Mississaugi. Please use social media or telephones to connect with people. We can prevent the spread ONLY by STAYING HOME and ISOLATED. The bears might be awake now, but we must continue to hibernate.

Miigwetch to our essential services on the front line.

Miigwetch to Nogdawindaamin and Maamwesying who continue to provide their services to us.

Miigwetch to the Emergency Control Group for their input and initiatives.

Miigwetch to North Shore Tribal Council and our communities along it who continue to communicate and work together supporting one another.

Miigwetch to the Mississauga Nations for their support and encouragement during this difficult time. They send their regards and love to our community.

Miigwetch to each and every community member who continues to take precautions and protect their family, and by extension, the community from COVID-19.

We are doing well, let's continue to keep it that way till this has ended. Let's get through this so we can visit places in the summer that look like this. This is the Mississaugi River along Hwy 129 in our Mississauga Territory.

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Chief Reg

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Mississauga First Nation