

COVID-19 BULLETIN

MATAWA FIRST NATIONS

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The status of the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is changing daily. Matawa is working to ensure that our First Nations and community members have the necessary information to safely and effectively deal with the situation. Bulletins will be issued on an ongoing basis. The following is accurate as of this date. Please also check our website (indicated below) and our Facebook page for other important information. Every person has a duty to remain up to date and informed, and comply with, the details of this evolving situation.

MATAWA OFFICE CLOSURE EXTENSION

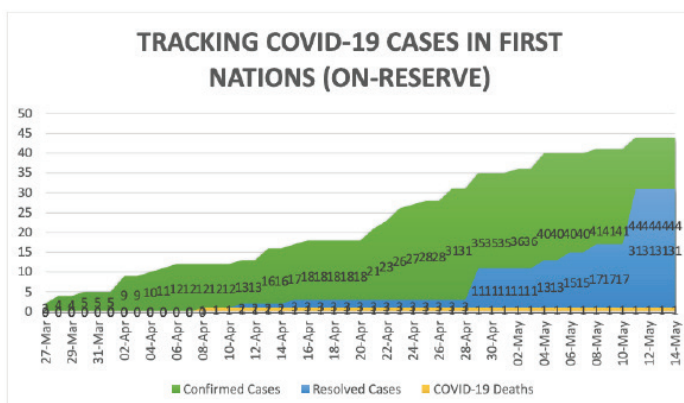
Please note, office closures have been extended to May 29, 2020 (from May 12 previously) as a result of Ontario extending its state of emergency period. This may be extended if necessary. Our staff continue to work from home and our phone lines are still open.

COVID-19 SPREAD IN MATAWA FIRST NATIONS

Two positive cases in Matawa have been cleared (the first one was cleared in Eabametoong First Nation on April 19 after testing positive on April 5 and the second one was cleared in Long Lake #58 First Nation on May 15 after testing positive on May 1). There are no other positive cases currently.

COVID-19 SPREAD IN FIRST NATIONS IN ONTARIO

This past week the number of confirmed cases in Ontario has plateaued (stayed the same at 44 cases). The Ontario Regional Chief is urging everyone to stay home as much as possible for least another two weeks to see where the rate of infection goes in Ontario as the province begins to open up. They will be tracking the numbers (below is their latest chart).



CONTACTLESS FOOD HAMPER PICK UP FOR OFF-RESERVE MEMBERS IN THUNDER BAY

On Wednesday, May 27, 2020, food hampers will be available for off-reserve members from the Matawa First Nations from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. They will be available in the Matawa First Nations office parking lot on 233 Court Street South. Members are asked to NOT LEAVE THEIR VEHICLES and that hampers will be delivered to their doors. Valid photo ID is being requested. For more information: please contact the Matawa Health Cooperative Nursing Line at 1-833-625-3611 - delivery is also available (members are encouraged to call the nursing line during business hours of 8:30 am - 4:30 pm).



TRADITIONAL HEALER SERVICES FOR ALL MATAWA COMMUNITIES

Mental Wellness Services provides a rapid response when Matawa First Nations communities experience crisis. The services and supports includes clinical counselling, cultural supports and care coordination. The Matawa MWT & CS Program serves to meet the needs of individuals, families and communities with a balance of applying clinical and traditional cultural practices. To access these services, contact 1-807-738-0983.

