

Keeping Wiikwemkoong Safe

Overview

It is the goal of WUT to vaccinate as many community members as possible. In order to achieve 'herd immunity', at least 75% of eligible Wiikwemkoong community members must be fully vaccinated. This means that we need 1842 adult (18+) community members to receive their full COVID-19 vaccination to protect our community.

Getting your vaccine is the best way to protect yourself, your family and our community against COVID-19 and variants of concern. Coronavirus mutations and variants may be more contagious or deadly than the original strain. According to the CDC, there is evidence that the Delta variant is more transmissible (easily spreads from person to person), and has more severe symptoms.

As we move closer to our goal of vaccinations in the community, we can slowly re-open Wiikwemkoong. This may include expanding our social bubbles indoors and outdoors, enjoying more physical activity with larger groups, lessening capacity restrictions on retail shopping and participating in ceremony and traditional gatherings.

At this time, there is no vaccine approved for the 12 and under age group. We encourage all community members to continue to practice public health guidelines in order to keep all community members safe from COVID-19. When a vaccine is approved, the Pandemic Team Leads, in collaboration with Naandwechige-Gamig staff, will work to ensure the vaccine is brought to Wiikwemkoong for this age group.

This plan is a three-step plan to reopen the community safely and cautiously and gradually lift public health measures.

The plan is based on:

- the community-wide vaccination rate
- Sudbury Public Health District public health and health care indicators
- improvements in key public health and health care indicators throughout the province

Reminder: If you are travelling out of the Sudbury Public Health District, please call Naandwechige-Gamig Wikwemikong Health Centre to receive guidance from the COVID-19 Nurse once you return.

Moving through the steps

If trends in key public health and health system indicators are positive and community vaccination rates continue to rise, the community will move to the next step two weeks after the following vaccination thresholds have been met:

- **Step 1:** 60% (1474 adults) of adults vaccinated with one dose
- **Step 2:** 65% (1597 adults) of adults vaccinated with one dose
- **Step 3:** 75% (1842 adults) of adults vaccinated with two doses

Guiding principles

Step 1

Wiikwemkoong will move into Step 1 of the reopening plan when 60% or 1474 adults have received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. An initial focus on resuming outdoor activities with smaller crowds where the risk of transmission is lower, and permitting non-essential retail with restrictions. This includes:

- Home/Indoor gatherings shall not exceed 15 people. Exceptions made for larger immediate families
- Outdoor gatherings of up to 60 people with safety protocols in place (non-sporting event)
- Outdoor sporting activities/programming up to 20 people. A safety plan must be provided to the WUT Pandemic Team Leads for approval
- Outdoor dining with up to four people per table. Families larger than 4 allowed to dine together if in same household bubble
- All retail at 25% capacity
- Indoor religious services, rites or ceremonial gatherings (including funeral and wake arrangements) at 25% capacity. Wakes within a home shall not exceed 10 people at any given time
- Indoor wedding ceremonies up to 15 people (or 25% capacity), including officiant, bride/groom, witnesses (receptions remain prohibited)

What is essential travel?

- Accessing health care or social services. Helping someone access health care or social services
- Making a court appearance, complying with a court order, complying with a shared custody agreement
- Moving, or helping someone move
- Attending school at a post-secondary institution
- Attending a funeral

What is non-essential travel?

- Vacations, getaways
- Tourism
- Visiting family or friends for social reasons
- Non-essential shopping trips

- Community members are encouraged to limit travel within and out of Sudbury Public Health District to essential purposes only. Fully vaccinated individuals may not have to self-isolate upon return with a negative COVID-19 test result pending assessment and guidance from the WHC COVID-19 nurse
- Fully vaccinated off-reserve community members are able to visit the community. Consider staying away from the community if you reside in a 'hot spot'
- Tourists and non-community members strongly encouraged to refrain from travel into the community (does not include WUT employees)

Please remember that public health guidelines (wearing masks, maintaining a distance of 6-feet, frequent hand washing or sanitizing, etc.) must continue to be followed.

Step 2

Wiikwemkoong will move into Step 2 of the reopening plan when 65% or 1597 adults have received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Further expanding outdoor activities and resuming limited indoor services with small numbers of people and with face coverings being worn. This includes:

- Home/Indoor gatherings shall not exceed 20 people
- Outdoor gatherings of up to 100 people (non-sporting event), including outdoor meeting and event spaces, and outdoor tour and guide services
- Outdoor sports and leagues (no restrictions on number of people). A safety plan must be provided to the WUT Pandemic Team Leads for approval
- Overnight camps with safety precautions in place
- Outdoor dining with up to six people per table. Families larger than 6 allowed to dine together if in same household bubble
- Retail at 50% capacity
- Indoor religious services, rites or ceremonies at 50% capacity
- Public libraries with capacity limits
- Non-essential travel **within** Sudbury Public Health District allowed if you have been vaccinated and self-monitor upon return to Wiikwemkoong
- Non-essential travel between regions continues to be restricted
- Tourism is open to non-community members from Sudbury Public Health District
 - ◊ Visitors are encouraged to review Wiikwemkoong Tourism’s COVID-19 Visitor Guide: <https://wikytours.com/daily-cultural-experiences/>

Please remember that public health guidelines (wearing masks, maintaining a distance of 6-feet, frequent hand washing or sanitizing, etc.) must continue to be followed.

Step 3

Wiikwemkoong will move into Step 3 of the reopening plan when 75% or 1842 adults have received both doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, and there are continued positive trends in public health and health system indicators within the province. Expanding access to indoor settings, with restrictions, including where there are larger numbers of people and where face coverings can’t always be worn. This includes:

- Indoor sports and recreational fitness
- Indoor dining
- Outdoor gatherings with larger capacity limits
- Indoor gatherings with larger capacity limits and other restrictions
- Indoor dining with capacity limits
- Indoor sports and recreational fitness facilities with capacity limits

- Indoor meeting and event spaces with capacity limits
- Essential and non-essential retail with capacity expanded
- Indoor and outdoor religious services, rites or ceremony gatherings with capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2 metres
- Non-essential travel between regions is no longer restricted
- All tourism open
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Please remember that public health guidelines (wearing masks, maintaining a distance of 6-feet, frequent hand washing or sanitizing, etc.) must continue to be followed.

Roadmap to Reopen at a Glance

Travel

Before Step 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel is restricted to essential purposes only
Step 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit travel within and out of Sudbury Public Health District to essential purposes only. • Fully vaccinated individuals may not have to self-isolate upon return pending assessment and guidance from WHC COVID-19 nurse.
Step 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-essential travel within Sudbury Public Health District allowed if you have been fully vaccinated and self-monitor upon return to Wiikwemkoong
Step 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-essential travel between regions is no longer restricted

Retail

Before Step 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential retail at 20% capacity
Step 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All retail at 25% capacity and can sell all goods
Step 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All retail at 50% capacity
Step 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retail open with capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2 metres

Restaurants and bars

Before Step 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open for take-out, drive-through and delivery service
Step 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor dining with 4 people per table and other restrictions
Step 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor dining with 6 people per table and other restrictions
Step 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor dining with capacity and some other restrictions • Outdoor dining with capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2 metres • Buffets permitted

Sports and recreational fitness facilities

Before Step 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor sports/programming – 10 people maximum • Indoor use with capacity limits
Step 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor team sports/programming – 20 people maximum, 2 metres distance, approved safety plan • Indoor use at 25% capacity
Step 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor sports leagues open, 2 metres distance, approved safety plan • Indoor use at 50% capacity
Step 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor open, with some restrictions • Outdoor open, with some restrictions

Water features

Before Step 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor splash pads, spray pads, open with capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2 metres
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Step 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor splash pads, spray pads, open with capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2 metres
Step 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor splash pads, spray pads, open with capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2 metres

Weddings, funerals and religious services, rites and ceremonies (does not apply to receptions)

Before Step 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum 10 people indoors
Step 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% capacity indoors • Outdoor permitted with capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2 metres • Wedding receptions prohibited
Step 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor permitted at 50% capacity • Maximum 100 people for outdoor gatherings and organized public events • Receptions permitted outdoors only
Step 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger indoor services, rites, and ceremonies • Outdoor permitted with capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2 metres

Gatherings

Before Step 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum 50 people for outdoor gatherings
Step 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum 60 people for outdoor gatherings and organized public events • Indoor at 25% capacity
Step 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum 100 people for outdoor gatherings and organized public events • 50% capacity for indoor gatherings and organized public events with other restrictions
Step 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger indoor and outdoor gatherings and organized public events with size limits

Public libraries

Before Step 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open with restrictions
Step 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open with 25% capacity and other restrictions
Step 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open with 50% capacity and other restrictions
Step 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open, with capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2 metres and other restrictions

Tour and guide services (for example, boat tours)

Before Step 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closed
Step 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outdoor open with 10-person limit
Step 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outdoor open with capacity and other restrictions
Step 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indoor open with capacity and other restrictions

Construction

Before Step 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open with some limitations to commercial projects
Step 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All construction open
Step 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All construction open
Step 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All construction open