

Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory

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Ogimaa and Council Lifting the COVID-19 State of Emergency

On April 9, 2020, Ogimaa and Council made the decision to declare a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic.

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"That we declare a State of Emergency and reaffirm Travel Order/Ban for the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory effective April 9, 2020, at 8:00am".

Definition: A state of emergency or emergency powers is a situation in which a government is empowered to be able to put through policies that it would normally not be permitted to do, for the safety and protection of its citizens.

After careful consideration, along with the thorough recommendation from Naandwechige-Gamig Wikwemikong Health Centre and the Pandemic Response Team, Ogimaa and Council have decided to lift the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

But we are still in a pandemic, what does this mean for the community?

1. Lifting the State of Emergency does not mean the pandemic is over.
2. Lifting the State of Emergency does not change the need for safety protocols for managing the pandemic.
3. Even though the State of Emergency has been lifted, we cannot relax or reduce our communal efforts to keep Wiikwemkoong safe.
4. All health and safety protocols will remain the same.
5. We will continue with COVID-19 testing, vaccinations, screening, contact tracing and following all public health guidelines.
6. All COVID-19 related supports will continue for our community members.
7. Lifting the State of Emergency will not affect Wiikwemkoong to receive COVID-19 funding.

We are very appreciative to all the staff over the last 19 months for their determination and tremendous work contributing to the safety and well-being of Wiikwemkoong while we navigate through this pandemic. We are grateful to all community members for following all the public health guidelines and doing their part to keep Wiikwemkoong safe.

Please continue to follow all public health guidelines, and only travel for essential purposes when necessary. We are doing great Wiikwemkoong. Let's continue to do our part in keeping Wiikwemkoong safe.

We are all in this together.

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