

Urgent Public Plea:

For the past week, Canadians have been stuck at home because of COVID-19. It's understandable that it is starting to take a toll. But we can't afford to stop now.

We must be very clear. Social distancing – physical distancing – is the single best way to keep the people around you safe. What does that mean? It means keeping two metres between yourself and someone else. It means avoiding groups. It means staying home as much as possible. It is not an easy request, but it is an essential one. The time to act is now. We all need to do our part.

The reality remains that the actions of few can still have a detrimental impact. We only have this one opportunity to flatten the curve and limit the stress this could put on our healthcare system. It is inconvenient, but if you are returning from out of country you must self-isolate for 14 days. Ask a neighbour, family member or friend to deliver anything you need, and we assure you this community will answer your call.

Each and every one of us has the ability to slow the spread of COVID-19, but we need to follow the public health guidelines. Stay home, maintain social distancing, and practice good hygiene. Your actions can save lives.

Signed,

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Laurie Carr – Chief Hiawatha First Nation

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