



# CHIPPEWAS OF THE THAMES POLICE SERVICE

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## COVID-19 and Impact on Police Operations

The Chippewas of the Thames Police Service continues to actively monitor the COVID-19 situation. The Service is working to ensure the safety of our officers, so that we can continue to do our part to ensure the safety and well-being of the community.

The following information is intended to update community members on the Police Service's response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- The World Health Organization declared, the Novel Coronavirus outbreak an international health emergency on January 31, 2020. Chippewas of the Thames Police is closely monitoring the situation. Our officers are implementing basic precautions, including the use of issued personal protective equipment.
- Based on present information, we are restricting or modifying non-emergency services, effective Monday, March 16, 2020. These measures are aimed at protecting our staff and members of the community to minimize the possibility of human to human transmission of the virus. All emergency services remain in place.
- We are asking members of the community to restrict attending the CMO Detachment as the office will be closed till March 31, 2020. We will not be accepting in-person record check applications at this time. As the current situation is dynamic, we will re-evaluate this as needed.
- Effective Monday March 16, 2020 if you are required by an officer to attend the CMO Detachment you may be subject to brief non-intrusive screening related to the COVID-19 health risks. Please understand this is for the protection and peace of mind of our staff who will be serving you and other members of the public. Please do not attend if you are not well.
- If you telephone the police requesting an officer attend a location you will be asked some additional screening questions related to the COVID-19 health risks before we dispatch an officer. Again, this is for the protection and peace of mind of our members who may be dispatched to see you.
- Effective immediately, in order to limit contact with the public and to mitigate potential staff-shortages, we may process some calls for service over the telephone instead of having an officer attend. These decisions will be made on a case by case basis. If members of the public have extraordinary circumstances that require accommodation then we will take all reasonable steps to accommodate those needs.
- You may see members of our service wearing personal protective equipment such as gloves and masks for their own protection.

The situation is dynamic and as the information from health authorities changes, we may need to make other service modifications in which the community will be notified. These steps are being taken out of an abundance of caution and in an effort to reduce risk to all community members.

We know these decisions may cause some disruption, and we apologize for that. We will continue to do our part to ensure the continuity of operations for the safety and well-being of Chippewas of the Thames First Nation.

\*\*\*Reminder if you require a police officer for an incident, please call the Provincial Communications Center at 1-888-310-1122. For urgent situations, please call 9-1-1.

More detailed information about COVID-19 and precautions you can take is available at <https://www.healthunit.com/>.