

Chippewas of the Thames First Nation
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COVID-19 Alert Levels

The purpose of the COVID-19 Alert Levels is to give advanced public notice of when different restrictions will be put in place to protect the community.

Given that Council is the elected governing authority, the Chief is the designated spokesperson for the Nation. The Chief, in consultation with public health officials and members of Council will take immediate steps to enter into COVID-19 Alert Levels three, and/or four, if necessary, for the safety and protection of Chippewas of the Thames First Nation.

The table below explains a detailed explanation of each levels. The main goal is to keep COVID-19 out of the community and/ or contain the virus as quickly as possible should there be a positive case identified.

	Alert Level 1 Prepare	Alert Level 2 Reduce	Alert Level 3 Restrict	Alert Level 4 Stay at Home Order
Summary of conditions	Five or less confirmed cases identified in the following health units: Middlesex London Health Unit (MLHU) and Southwestern Public Health (SWPH)	More than five confirmed daily cases identified in the following health units: MLHU & SWPH	COTTFN, MDN, or Oneida Nation has active cases Chief in consultation with Health Director will determine key messaging for members of Council and community	The Health Director has declared that COVID-19 cases are uncontained – virus isn’t contained, and community transmission is occurring at an unknown rate. The high transmission of Variants of Concern (Voc) transmission will automatically put the community into level four. In consultation with the Chief immediate steps will be taken to communicate messaging to appropriate stakeholders.
Range of measure to be taken	Public education will continue on health and precautionary measures that will assist in protecting yourself and family from contracting COVID-19	Public education on how to prepare for the next Alert Levels Residents are encouraged to prepare for a possible 14-day lockdown	Community members will be directed to stay at home as much as possible with no one permitted to enter into each other’s homes. A community curfew will go into effect. Curfew will be from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. daily	Community will strongly be encouraged to stay at home Residents only, no outside visitors, only those accessing essential services
Restrictions on community members	Community members are encouraged to avoid crowded places and non-essential gatherings. Gathering amount restricted as directed by Band Council Resolution	Community members are encouraged to avoid crowded places and non-essential gatherings Community members will be asked to limit their travel outside of the community. Gathering amount restricted as directed by Band Council Resolution	Avoid all travel – Only for medical purposes and getting essentials (groceries, medications) No gathering is permitted Playground equipment within the community will be closed	Community members will be strongly encouraged to stay within their homes – recommending only one family member leave for essentials Contact Tracing Log Sheets are to be kept No gathering is permitted Playground equipment within the community will be closed
Restrictions on businesses	On-reserve recognized businesses should be operating in accordance with directives provided by First Nation.	On-reserve recognized businesses should continue to operate in accordance with directives provided by First Nation.	On-reserve recognized businesses will be directed to close at 8 p.m. and to adhere to the First Nation curfew.	All on-reserve recognized businesses will be allowed to stay open with health and precautionary measures that have been identified by Council. Businesses will operate between the hours of 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Restrictions on staff	Administration offices are open during regular hours Work related travel is to be authorized by Supervisor In-door programming is permitted to a maximum of 10 Outdoor programming is permitted to a maximum of 25	Administration is open during regular hours Work related travel is to be authorized by Supervisor Indoor program is permitted based on space/building occupancy limits Outdoor and virtual programming is permitted for larger group participation	Administration offices will close and services will be provided on a case-by-case basis Staff will work from home and will seek permission from their supervisor to enter into their offices No work-related travel permitted Only virtual programming is permitted Meetings are to be held virtually or by phone	All gatherings, in-person programs, and services will be cancelled for a minimum of 14 days and reassessed as necessary Any required in-person programs and services will not be permitted but dealt with on a case-by-case basis Administration offices will close, with limited staff working on site Any essential meetings will be held virtually or by phone
Community Access	Community restriction notices will be placed at the community entrances	Community restriction notices will remain at the community entrances	Community restriction notices will remain at the community entrances	Community restriction notices will remain at the community entrances. Community Curfew will be in place from 8:00 PM – 6:00 AM and will be enforced

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