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Community Flyer

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Wednesday 6th	Thursday 7th	Friday 8th	Saturday 9th	Sunday 10th	Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th
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COMMUNITY INFO



IMPORTANT

**ALL MFN PROGRAMS
AND EVENTS WILL BE
CANCELLED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE!**



RENT

Members: To pay your rent, please contact Roberta Day by phone at:
(705)856-1993 #233
She will arrange a time to meet at the Band Office.



Attention Members: Internet Service Provider Announcement

Please check with your Internet providers as many companies are closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation. They are putting into place measures to protect the health and safety of their customers. As they recognize Internet usages may increase in the coming weeks due to school closers, social distancing and working from home, some companies are waiving overcharges for data fees until May 31st, 2020.

(Some Internet providers are extending this date to June 30th, 2020.)

NOTE:

Not all Internet providers are participating in this action. Xplornet, Bell Canada and Execulink are three of the companies offering this service at this time.



Wednesday Night Bible Study at The Complex



Note: Monthly "Songs and Praise" will be at 7:00 pm (no meal) on the 4th Wednesday.



MICHIPICOTEN STUDENTS & FAMILY CULTURAL ROOM FACEBOOK PAGE

This Facebook Page is a dedicated Indigenous resource group rich in culture and education for students, peers, and families. A place where we can learn and grow together and a place to learn from Elders and Knowledge Keepers.



NOTE: This is a private Facebook group. To join please contact Jackie Tangie at: j.tangie@michipicoten.com





Contacts & Resources

Kids Help Phone Line

1-800-668-6868 | 24/7 services

Website: kidshelpphone.ca

Melody Hawdon—Maamwesying
Registered Psychotherapist

705-904-4158 | Monday-Friday 830-6

Email: Melody.hawdon@nmninoeyaa.ca

Please email or call if you are interested in making appointments outside of the above hours

Children's Aid Society Wawa

705-856-2960 | 24/7 services

The North East Mental Wellness and Crisis Team

1-866-209-9582 | 24/7 services

Facebook: facebook.com/NorthEastWCT

Dilico Anishinabek Family Care

Emergency child welfare line

1-855-623-8511 | 24/7 services

First Nation Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line

1-855-242-3310 | 24/7 services

Online chat: hopeforwellness.ca

Dilico Mental Health and Addictions

807-629-7554 | Mondays, Wednesday &
Fridays 9:00am – 4:30pm

807-624-7908 | Tuesdays and Thursdays
12:00pm – 7:30pm

Chadwic Home Women's Shelter

1-800-461-2242 | 24/7 Services

Website: <https://chadwichome.com/>

Box 1, Site 8, RR 1, Wawa, ON P0S 1K0
Phone (705) 856-1993 Toll Free 1-888-303-7723. Fax (705) 856-1642
www.michipicoten.com



MICHIPICOTEN FIRST NATION

Tia Kusic—MFN Family Support
Worker

<https://ca.portal.qs/>

705-914-0430 | *Monday-Thursday 8-4:30;
Friday 8-1:30*

Email: t.kusic@michipicoten.com

Joanne Wilson—Band
Representative

705-914-0004 | *Monday-Thursday 8-4:30;
Friday 8-1:30*

Email: j.wilson@michipicoten.com

AA & NA Online Meetings &
Support Chatrooms

2 Step Online

12step-online.com/meetings/online-aa-meetings/

AA Chat

<https://aachat.org/>

Step Chat

<https://stepchat.com/>

Wellness Together

Government of Canada—Mental Health &
Substance Use Support



Current Programs

Michipicoten First Nation Health & Social Services

Drum Circle—Tuesday Nights, 6pm-8pm

- Learn traditional songs and connect with the community with host Ashley Berry, Family Wellbeing Worker
- To join please go to the Facebook group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1640707029411065/?ref=share>

or, contact Ashley at a.berry@michipicoten.com, 705-297-0392

Live Ojibwe Lessons & Pre-recorded Story Telling—Wednesday Nights, 6pm-7pm

- Learn our language with Brian Outinen Ojibwe Teacher and Translator
- Live lessons will be offered once a week from May 13th – June 17th
- Story telling will be pre-recorded for you to listen to whenever you like!
- To join, please contact our Community Health Promotor, Nancy Andre at nandre@michipicoten.com, 705-852-1094

Wellness Group—Thursday Nights, 6pm-8pm

- A private group sharing circle for community members hosted by Ashley Berry, Family Wellbeing Worker
- To join please contact Ashley at a.berry@michipicoten.com, 705-297-0392

Dilico Anishinabek Family Care

Please see the [attached May 2020 calendar](#) for programs including:

- Morning Smudge and Prayer
- Body Mindfulness
- Craft Corner
- Grandfather Drum Teachings

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- Children's Programming
- Men's Group and More!!

Dilico Anishinabek Family Care Facebook Page

<http://tiny.cc/uxs6nz>

Bimaadiziwin Wildookaaawewin Facebook Page

<http://tiny.cc/vvs6nz>

Red Table Wisdom

- Join Elder Diane Longboat—ceremonial leader, traditional teacher and healer—Thursdays at 8pm for Indigenous teachings through Zoom
- To participate, please go to the website below and click on the zoom meeting link
<https://www.reachyogalifestyle.ca/red-table-wisdom-talks-2/>



MICHIPICOTEN FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

(Internal/External Posting – April 6, 2020)

Michipicoten First Nation is a vibrant Ojibway First Nation community located on the white sands (north east shores) of Lake Superior. The registered population is approximately 1,100 with 70 members living on reserve. With a strong sense of community and cultural identity, Michipicoten First Nation strives to maintain harmony and balance with Mother Earth, neighbouring First Nations and surrounding communities.

Michipicoten First Nation is seeking a full-time **Economic Development Officer** (EDO) to lead the implementation of economic related initiatives as directed by Chief and Council.

Under, the EDO will be responsible for developing economic diversification strategies to help Michipicoten First Nation broaden its economic base and identify new or emerging areas of economic opportunity. The EDO will be involved in planning, developing and implementing new economic opportunities in collaboration with government, private industry, municipalities, and First Nations. There will be a strong emphasis on business venture development related to ecotourism, resource development and working with private industry developers to ensure that Michipicoten First Nation benefits from development activities within its Traditional Territory.

Reporting to the Director, Lands and Economic Development, you will:

- Prepare proposals for a variety of economic development initiatives for submissions to public and private funding sources
- Write project briefs, updates and final reports for all project activities taking place at Michipicoten First Nation
- Create presentations and ensure that economic development initiatives and opportunities are communicated to Chief, Council and MFN citizens
- Maintain a sound administrative and organizational system
- Develop budgets and cash flow projections
- Develop and track accomplishments related to an ongoing work plan
- Act as the point of contact and liaison between local partners, businesses, individuals, and various other community and business organizations
- Conduct research on local market opportunities
- Research public sector economic development funding opportunities
- Consult with government representatives concerning eligibility requirements for funding
- Identify opportunities for joint ventures and serve as a liaison between the involved parties
- Assist with preparing business plans
- Provide advice on market analysis and economic opportunities
- Conduct financial analyses on proposed business plans and opportunities
- Maintain files and records on local businesses and economic development opportunities

Qualifications:

- Minimum of 2-3 years of experience in business or economic development related positions, supplemented by education and training
- Experience in venture development, particularly in the area of natural resource extraction industries
- Proficiency in MS Office applications, various software and internet
- Experience working with First Nations
- Knowledge of Indigenous Rights, history, culture, and current socioeconomic issues
- Strong communication and negotiation skills
- Strong interpersonal and government/private industry relations skills
- Proven track record building, developing and coordinating successful projects

Job type: Full-time, 2-year contract

Wages:

Michipicoten First Nation offers a comprehensive employee benefit package and competitive salary based upon experience and qualifications. This position is a salaried position with flexible hours as some travel and extended hours may be required based on activity.

To apply:

Interested persons may submit their cover letter & resume **as one document** by email to Lisa Belanger hr@michipicoten.com . This posting will be active until position is filled. **Please include the job title in the email subject line.**

Michipicoten First Nation (MFN) is an equal opportunity employer. MFN will attempt to provide reasonable accommodation for known disability for an applicant or employee if requested. Where qualifications are equal, preference may be given to qualified band members and/or individuals with status.

MICHIPICOTEN CITIZENS:

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT? WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Chief and Council know the value of developing the skills of our citizens. We know that providing you opportunities to gain valuable work experiences, builds our community.

We are developing a number of positions and want to make sure that your skill sets, and interests are considered in the planning process.

If you are looking for work, don't wait for a posting! **Please submit your resume and your areas of interest to:**

Lisa Belanger, Interim Manager, Human Resources
hr@michipicoten.com

Areas of interest may include, but are not limited to:

- Office Administration
- Communications
- Project Management
- Accounting/Finance
- Health & Social Services
- Natural resources (energy, mining, forestry)



Message from Tia Kusic, Family Support Worker

I hope everyone is doing well, and staying safe during this uncertain time. I know how difficult it has been with social distancing but hopefully we are close to flattening the curve and can be reunited with our friends and families soon.

As I just started working with Michipicoten First Nation before COVID-19, I haven't been able to meet many of you yet. I am looking forward to the times when I can meet you in all in person and build relationships with you. At this time, please know I am thinking of everyone and I am available to still be contacted and offer help with supports to you and your family.

Please see below my hours of contact and methods to contact me at.

Monday-Thursday 8-4:30pm; Fridays 8-1:30pm

Work cell- call or text: 705-914-0430

Email: t.kusic@michipicoten.com

Miigwetch and take care,

Tia Kusic

Weekly COVID-19 Situation Report 04/05/2020

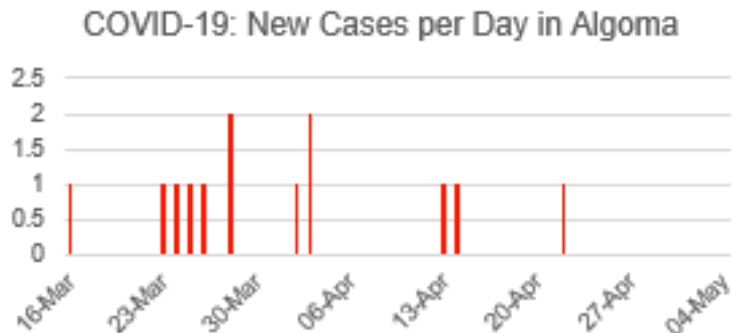
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Case Update

As of May 4th, 2020, there are 13 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Algoma, specifically in

- Sault Ste. Marie & Area
- Central & East Algoma
- Elliot Lake & Area

There are no known cases of COVID-19 in Wawa or Michipicoten.



Measures in Place

Along with the measures noted in last week's Situation Report and those that are being put in place by the Federal¹ and Provincial² Governments, Michipicoten First Nation (MFN) is taking the following additional steps:

1. Security measures and health screening at the Reserve entrance. Only individuals living on-reserve, staff, and authorized third parties (i.e. Canada Post, contractors, Dilico staff, etc.) are permitted to enter. No one is allowed to enter or exit the reserve between 10pm and 6am.
Please note that the security guards are under instructions to ask screening questions and check temperatures. We are working closely with their team and are ensuring that the guards are wearing gloves and facemasks and taking proper sanitation measures.
2. Mobile COVID testing is available on reserve. Please see the FAQ section for instructions.
3. Face masks will be provided to all on reserve citizens this week.

FAQs—Frequently Asked Questions

Send questions to covid19@michipicoten.com.

What should I do if I think I might have been exposed to COVID-19 or I am experiencing symptoms of COVID-19?

1. **Self-Isolate**—Follow the guidelines in the handout provided or found at <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate.pdf?la=en>
2. **For citizens living on reserve:** If you have at least one of the following symptoms—*fever, tiredness, a (new) dry cough, new aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat, and diarrhoea*—please contact MFN Health & Social Services Manager, Sadie Puddister, at 705-914-0967 or MFN Community Health Representative, Lena Andre, at 705-856-1993 ext. 224 so we can ensure that you are tested as soon as possible and to provide you and your loved ones with support while you are in self-isolation.
3. **For citizens living off reserve:** Find out if you need to continue to self-isolate and/or get tested:

¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse/government-canada-takes-action-covid-19.html>

² <https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus>

Weekly COVID-19 Situation Report 04/05/2020

- a) Complete the Government of Ontario Self-Assessment questionnaire at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/#q0> OR
- b) Call: Telehealth Ontario at [1-866-797-0000](tel:1-866-797-0000) OR
Algoma Public Health at [705-759-5404](tel:705-759-5404) or [1-866-892-0172 ext. 5404](tel:1-866-892-0172)

What happens if someone being screened by the security guards at the entrance has any COVID symptoms?

1. The person with symptoms will be asked to provide their name and contact information so that we can help them to get tested.
 - a. If the person with symptoms lives on reserve, they will be sent home to self-isolate.
 - b. If the person with symptoms does not live on the reserve they will not be permitted to enter.

Resources

The Federal Government has developed a **Canada COVID-19 Support App** that provides the latest updates, trusted resources and a self-assessment for those who think they may have or have been exposed to COVID-19.

- To download search 'Canada COVID-19 Support App' in your mobile's app store (IOS or Android) or go to <https://ca.thrive.health/>

The 7 Grandfather Teachings & COVID-19

Nbwaakaawin - To cherish knowledge is to know WISDOM.

Learn about the virus, COVID-19 is a new virus. It spreads by respiratory droplets of an infected person to others with whom they have close contact such as people who live in the same household or provide care. It can survive on different surfaces but can be killed by most cleaners and disinfectants.

Empower your kids by teaching them the most effective ways to prevent COVID-19:

- Washing their hands
- Coughing or sneezing into their elbows
- Physical distancing
- Encourage your children to ask questions

Zaagidwin - To know LOVE is to know peace.

If you are able to, use technology to communicate with your friends and family. Make phone calls, send texts and have video chats.

If you are well, be creative when connecting with neighbours. Speak to them over a fence or from your balcony, while keeping two metres (or 6 feet) apart.

Mnaadendimowin - To honor all of Creation on Mother Earth is to have RESPECT.

Physical distancing means keeping our distance from one another and limiting activities outside the home.

When outside your home, it means staying at least 2 metres (or 6 feet) away from other people whenever possible.

Aakwade' ewin - BRAVERY or courage is to face the foe with integrity.

If you must leave your home:

- Travel to the grocery store, pharmacy and bank only when essential and limit the frequency.
- Use delivery services where possible. When picking up food or a prescription, call ahead so it is ready when you arrive.
- Use tap to pay, if possible.
- If you are working, discuss any concerns about physical distancing with your employer or supervisor.

Gwekwaadiziwin - HONESTY in facing a situation is to be brave.

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 practice honesty by reporting your symptoms to the MFN Health Team (705-914-0967) so you can get tested.

The health and safety of our community depends on your honesty.

Dbaadendiziwin - HUMILITY is to think things through carefully and to know your place.

If you are well, connect with people who may find this time especially stressful, such as:

- Older adults and those with chronic health conditions who are at increased risk of COVID-19
- People who have a history of depression or anxiety, or who may be heavily impacted by COVID-19 (e.g., job loss, health concern, separation from loved ones)

Debwewin - TRUTH is to know all of these things.

Applying the Seven Grandfather Teachings to Respect for The Earth

Love one another (and ourselves, and future generations) enough to listen to differences of opinion and consider other people's (and cultures) perspectives and knowledge when it comes to our responsibility to care for the Earth and how we might be endangering her.

Listen to the **Wisdom** of our elders, scientists, water walkers and the voices of our children, and consider the devastating impact of how the continued extraction and pollution of Mother Earth's natural sources will affect the quality of life for future generations.

Have the **Courage** to lead and direct conversations about alternative investments versus corporate interests within your own communities, families and neighbourhoods.

Embrace **Honesty** as a powerful tool to help decide the kind of stories you share with children in your care. Allow this honesty to determine what you have the power to do to create change. What this looks like can take many forms, from recycling properly at home, to composting and conserving energy, to bigger picture efforts such as volunteering together as a family to clean up a local park.

Know that **Humility** is an excellent tool for embracing change and listening to perspectives that might differ from our own.

Truth is to know that all of these philosophies are an integral part of character development and building emotional intelligence, no matter what our age might be.

Respect the power of shared knowledge within communities, as this can help with human development and to determine ways in which we can care for one another and the earth.

Selena Mills



Covid-19 Symptoms

Anishinaabemowin translated

- 1) dekwewin.....Headache
- 2) -jiisbijaanewin.....Runny nose
- 3) gaagiiigondaaginewin.....Sore throat
- 4) gizhiswaapinewin.....Fever
- 5) shagwewin.....Vomiting
- 6) taakonaamiwin.....Shortness of
breath
- 7) kaanaapinewin.....Joint pain-
gaagiijigo
- 🥱 ekwaaziwin.....Fatigue
- 9) dakajiwin.....Chills
- 10 zhaabkaawziwin.....Diarrhea
- 11 skwaajigewin/ziinkiigimewin.. Phlegm
- 12 baate-sosidamowin.....dry cough

World health organization 2020
translated by Shirley Williams and Isadore
Toulouse

Brotherhood

Synopsis: In 1926, a band of teenage boys arrive at Long Point Camp for the adventure of their lives. When their canoe capsizes in a freak summer storm, their holiday descends into a soul-shuddering fight for survival.

All land scenes from this movie were filmed in Michipicoten First Nation in 2017. Many members are listed in the credits.

Website: <https://www.brotherhood1926.com/so/77N72WI22?cid=e10c3037-c477-440f-b61d-fa88d2f169d2#/main>

Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDsZfsSDyhU&feature=emb_title



Storytelling/Legends

With

Brian Outinen



Starting May 15th, 2020

A link will be posted with the recording on the MFN website and Facebook Page for anyone to view. A new story/legend will be posted every Friday!

Interested in learning our language?

This will start on May 13th, 2020 from
6:00-7:00pm with Brian Outinen on
Zoom. Please register by
May 12th by 3:00pm.

We will then be able to send everyone
an email with the zoom link to sign in.
This will run for 6 weeks.

To sign up please send me an email at:
nandre@michipcioten.com
Or call/text: 705-852-1094

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BIMAADIZIWIN WIIDOOKAAGEWIN FACEBOOK CULTURAL PROGRAMMING




May-Flower Moon

“WAAWAASKONE GIIZIS”

The fifth moon of Creation is Flower Moon, where all plants display their Spirit sides for all the world to see. This life giving energy is one the most powerful healing medicines on Mother Earth. During this moon we are encouraged to explore our Spiritual essences.

Thirteen Grandmother Moon Teachings by Arlene Barry, from her series of compiled teachings "Kinoomoadlewinan Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin", Book Two, pages 17 and 18.



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*****Sign up required for Hand Drumming & Men's Group*****

Add us as a friend on facebook, *Bimaadiziwin Wiidookaagewin*, send our team a private message on the day you wish to attend programming by 12pm noon. Please include: "Facebook User Name" (Name of everyone who is planning to attend from your device with you) and name of program you want to attend. **Example: "Bimaadiziwin Wiidookaagewin" (Beatrice, Janine, Donald & Diana) for Hand Drumming.** Our Cultural Team is looking forward to connecting with you!



Virtual wellness group



During COVID-19 we will be continuing our Thursday night wellness group through Zoom.

To participate in the virtual wellness group Download Zoom and create an account, a link will be sent every week to everyone who would like to join us Thursday nights from 6PM-8-PM.

To join us Thursday night or for more information contact

Ashley Berry @705-297-0392
a.berry@michipicoten.com

OR

Gretchen Weicht @ 705-856-7208 ext. 6008





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HOME

CHADWIC Home's Telephone Support is
still available 24/7

Les telephones chez la maison CHADWIC
sont *toujours* ouvertes

“We Want To Help!”

“Nous voulons aider”

1-800-461-2242

Visit our web page at www.chadwichome.com or check out our
Facebook page for up-to-date information about our services and
community resources

Visitez notre site web www.chadwichome.com ou notre page
Facebook for pour de l'information au sujet de nos services et les
ressources communautaires



Hey Wawa! Show your support!



Shine the Light on Woman Abuse is a public awareness campaign which originated in London, Ontario. We annually run this campaign in November as November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month in Ontario. *BUT*

Due to COVID- 19 there is an **increase in woman abuse**. Social/physical distancing measures intended to contain COVID-19 exposure and illness also reduce women's access to supports and increase their daily exposure to potential abuse. The control and intimidation tactics already used by partners who cause harm, can be compounded by their use of COVID-19 related behaviors. For instance, partners may:

- Share misinformation about the pandemic in attempt to control or frighten women, including that necessary services like domestic violence shelters are closed, contaminated, or at capacity
- Prevent access to appropriate medical attention (e.g. taking car keys or her health card, refusing to interpret or failing to interpret verbal communications with service providers)
- Restrict movements inside or outside of the home (e.g. isolating a mother from her children by asserting that she is displaying symptoms of infection)
- Withhold necessary items such as hand sanitizer, cleaning products, protective masks, food, and medicine
- Lie that personal items are not available in stores or online (e.g. birth control, hormones, hearing aid batteries)
- Use social/physical distancing as a rationalization for separating women from family and friends, during or even after the pandemic (e.g. implying that she may still be infected)
- Control and monitor means of communication (e.g. turning off the internet so she cannot video chat with friends and family)
- Manipulate women to grant continued access to the home due to a lack of resources (e.g. shelter, childcare)
- Infect or threaten to infect women with COVID-19 deliberately
- Put women's health at risk (e.g. inviting people over, not cleaning their hands)
- Threaten to expose that a woman has COVID-19 and lie about the implications of having it (e.g. falsely imply that she will be deported, lose custody of her children)
- Remove or kill pets or animal assistants saying that they may infect the family

The goals of the Shine the Light on Woman Abuse campaign are:

- to raise awareness of men's violence against women by turning the Town of Wawa purple to stand in solidarity with abused women and support them in understanding that any shame and/or blame they may feel as a result of the abuse they are experiencing (or have experienced) does not belong to them but to the perpetrator of their abuse; and,
- To raise the profile of community agencies that can provide abused women with help as they attempt to live their lives free from violence and abuse. We want women to know CHADWIC Home is here to help

Why Purple?

Purple is a symbol of courage, survival and honour, and has come to symbolize the fight to end woman abuse.

How can the community help?

If you have purple lights, please shine them bright! Any businesses or organizations that are open, who participated in years past, pull out your lights if possible and show women and children our community supports them.

PLEASE CALL CHADWIC Home for Support 1-800-461-2242