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Chief and council along with the rest of the pandemic team have been working to ensure the safety of Whitesand First Nation community members. We have continued to meet with the medical consultant for the community, Dr. Douglas and are following his advice. At our meeting on June 11, 2020 Dr. Douglas recommended that the lockdown for the community be extended until July 2, 2020 as there continues to be new cases in Thunder Bay and to allow time to offer COVID testing to as many community members as possible.

Attached is a bylaw outlining the rules for keeping the community safe. A bylaw is different than a Band Council Resolution (BCR). A BCR is a record of a council's decisions while a bylaw allows for people who don't follow the rules to be charged.

People are being asked to continue to stay home except for essential reasons and when outside your home to wear a mask and stay 6 feet away from people who don't live in your house. If you are sick stay at home. People who don't live on the reserve aren't allowed on to the reserve unless they are essential service workers

Social gatherings are not permitted on the reserve and visiting other people's homes is not recommended especially with those who are elderly or have health conditions that put you at risk.

Please see the attached Bylaw for full details. If you have any questions please contact the pandemic coordinator Brenda Kwandibens at 355-8581.

Thank you for doing your part to keep the community safe,

Chief and Council