



# **EMERGENCY RESPONSE LEVELS**

**November 23, 2020**

# Northwest Angle #33

## Emergency Response Levels

**There are four levels:**



### **Green: Limited Risk**

The spread of COVID-19 is broadly contained and a vaccine and/or effective treatment for COVID-19 is available.

Transmission of the virus is at very low to undetectable levels between household and close contacts. There may be single or isolated small outbreaks, which are quickly contained. Community transmission is low to undetectable.



### **Yellow: Caution**

Community transmission of COVID-19 is at low levels.

Household and close contact transmission could be occurring in Manitoba. There may be single or isolated small cluster outbreaks which are quickly contained.

Community transmission is low to undetectable



### **Orange: Restricted**

Community transmission of COVID-19 is occurring. However, the virus is being transmitted at levels that public health and the health system can manage. New clusters are more common but can be controlled through testing and contact tracing.

The health care system is able to manage COVID-19 case levels.



### **Red: Critical**

Community spread of COVID-19 is not contained and/or there are significant strains on our health care system.

The virus is being transmitted at levels that public health and the health system cannot manage. Extensive community transmission is occurring. There are widespread outbreaks and new clusters that cannot be controlled through testing and contact tracing. The health care system may be close to or over capacity.

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#### Community Response Level: GREEN - LIMITED RISK



COVID-19 is a minimal to nonexistent threat in our region. Chief and Council has set the response level to GREEN.

**Travel:** *No Restrictions or regionally specific; eg. United States.*

**Checkpoint:** *May be removed by C&C if the outlook is positive for no future exposure.*

**Health Services:** *Open to Clients. Public screening and face masks required.  
- By Appointment Only*

**All Offices:** *Business as usual, within provincial health recommendations.*

- The spread of COVID-19 is broadly contained in Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario.
- Transmission of the virus is at very low to undetectable levels.
- A vaccine and effective treatment are available.
- There may be single or isolated small cluster outbreaks which are quickly contained.
- Community transmission is low to undetectable.
- There is sufficient health system capacity.
- Normal enhanced hygiene recommended.
- Indoor mask usage is encouraged, but not required.

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### Community Response Level: YELLOW - CAUTION



COVID-19 is still a threat in our region, however transmission levels are low. Chief and Council has set the response level to YELLOW.

**Travel:** *Non-essential travel outside of Northwestern Ontario is strongly discouraged.* Individuals who travelled internationally or domestically (east of Terrace Bay, Ontario or Manitoba) must go into mandatory self-isolation (quarantine) for 14 days from the date of arrival to the community and then have COVID test and await Negative result. Continue to self-monitor until the 14 days have elapsed.

**Checkpoint:** *Curfew in effect 11:00 pm to 6:00 am.*

**Health Services:** *Public & Staff Screening + PPE Protocols in place. Clients by Appointment only. Essential Medical Appointments only to Manitoba & Thunder Bay.*

**All Offices:** *Non-essential staff to work from home if possible. All visitors must wear face coverings and hand sanitize upon entry.*

- Stay home when sick.
- Practice social distancing, hand washing/sanitizing and cough etiquette.
- Wear a mask in indoor settings where social distancing is not possible.
- Vulnerable people, such as elders and immune-compromised, are encouraged to exercise additional caution.
- Limit group sizes to a maximum of 10 people indoors and 25 outdoors.
- Larger group sizes are allowed per provincial maximums for staffed venues.
- Individuals identified as having COVID-19 or a close contact of someone with COVID-19 must immediately enter mandatory isolation/self-isolation (quarantine) until community health officials advise they can end isolation/self-isolation (quarantine).
- Essential contractors must operate in accordance with public health orders and in a manner that prevents transmission of COVID-19.

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# Community Response Level: ORANGE - RESTRICTED



COVID risk is high in our region with community spread increasing. Accordingly, Chief and Council have set the response level to ORANGE.

**Travel:** *Non-essential travel outside of Northwestern Ontario is strongly discouraged. Further travel restrictions may be in place to limit travel.*

**Checkpoint:** *Curfew in effect 11:00 pm to 6:00 am. Non-member guests are now restricted.*

**Health Services:** *Public & Staff Screening & PPE Protocols. Essential Outside Agencies Only. Appointments by Phone or Video Conference Only.*

**All Offices:** *Critical staff only, others to work from home. All visitors are by appointment only and must wear face coverings and hand sanitize upon entry.*

- Community transmission of COVID-19 is occurring across our region.
- New clusters are occurring, but can be controlled through self-isolation, testing and contact tracing so they do not spread further.
- Regional health care system is able to manage COVID-19 case levels but will struggle if cases rise further.
- Gathering sizes will be limited further, based on Northwestern Health Unit guidance at the time.
- Workplaces may have added visitor and occupancy limits.

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### Community Response Level: RED - CRITICAL

Community spread exists in the region and/or *Northwest Angle #33* has a positive COVID-19 case in the Community. Accordingly, Chief and Council have set the response level to RED.



**Travel:** *Essential Travel Only. Must disclose purpose of trip at checkpoint upon departure.*

**Checkpoint:** *Curfew in effect from Dusk to Dawn. No access to community other than essential travel. Leaving the community for any reason other than essential will be subject to mandatory 14-day quarantine. No visitors allowed.*

**Health Services:** *Access Restricted. Limited Essential Services. All Medical Appointments Cancelled. All Staff working from home.*

**Windigo Island School:** Remote learning. Building closed. Staff/students advised to isolate.

**All Offices:** *Closed. All staff working from home.*

- Extensive regional transmission of COVID-19 is occurring and is not contained and has/could enter the community.
- There are widespread outbreaks and new clusters that cannot be controlled through testing and contact tracing.
- The virus is being transmitted at levels that public health and the health system deem concerning or critical
- Strict physical distancing
- Non-essential workplaces ordered to close and work from home.
- Non-Resident members will be denied access.
- Everyone stays home.
- Food Hamper program resumes to every two weeks.
- All recreational activities banned, with exception of socially distanced walking, hiking.