

Stay at home order has been extended to June 2nd 2021.

Well it looks like today's announcement will, for a second season, affect our opening May long weekend. Today, the Premier of Ontario extended the stay at home order to June 2nd.

This is not what anyone wants, but until the cases in Ontario drop below 1000 per day and pressure on the ICU in our hospitals decreases, it looks like things will remain status quo.

Lowering cases of Covid19 can only be done by limiting exposure from person to person outside your home. This can be easy for some but at the same time, be very hard for others. So, as much as I hate to say it, I would rather stay in a "stay at home order" until it is safe to not be so we can all move on and get this season going.

This according to medical experts will only happen by administering enough vaccinations, keeping with social distancing and limiting unnecessary exposure to possibly getting covid 19 measures. This is the only way to keep it under control according to our experts.

Charlene and I will be receiving our 1st shot vaccination next Thursday May 20th as we want to be able to move on from this pandemic which has crippled our industry into a 2nd season. As well, we want to travel once deemed safe and most obvious, receive guests from the province, neighbouring provinces, the USA and from overseas.... which will all be in that order as more people get vaccinated.

Our federal government is now dangling the carrot to push people to get vaccinated so we can have our freedom once summer arrives which is June 20th. Super disappointed that international travel is not at a complete halt to give us a chance to control within, If you look at the numbers, it is fact that it has an impact as we are trying to put out fires at home, you turn around and another fire is brought in and with the variant which is more contagious.... it makes it very difficult to control the spread.

I am sure you are all very tired of hearing about Covid 19 and numbers, measures, restrictions etc, as are we.

So what does this mean for Memquisit Lodge from today to June 2nd 2021?

We are able to legally be open as a marina and as a lodge to provide accommodations...we cannot provide any access to public amenities (our games room, Lounge, fitness centre, fish house) our store can operate by curbside pickup only for bait, ice and general store needs. Our dining room is closed and by demand we can only offer take out.

We are able to take reservations from guests within our health unit which we feel we can argue that from either Sudbury district or North Bay / Parry sound, we are on the border from each district.

The individuals coming with your reservation must be from the same household or a single person tied to a family from the same household (we are looking into this for clarification as well).

So with all that said we are planning to do a soft opening for May 20th 2021 as we have a few reservations that meet the above criteria.

We will mandate on behalf of the lodge that you bring all you need from home. Once you arrive at Memquisit Lodge you must remain here and we will be shopping in our local communities for you if something is forgotten or needed. Curbside Pickup will be made available from our store what is needed daily during your stay. This will eliminate any possible impact/exposure to our communities.

We will not be making any back to back reservations, allowing 1 day in between until all of our staff has been vaccinated and/or the stay at home order is lifted.

All reservations that are between May 20th and June 2nd will be contacted to see where they fit within the news from the province and federal as well as local health units. If you have a reservation with us affected by the stay at home order and have not yet been contacted, please reach out via email at memquisitlodge@gmail.com or toll free 1-888-898-5326.

We try to answer emails and voicemails within 24 hours as best as we can, but as you know, we are in the midst of getting camp opened up and ready for everyone and not spending as much time in the office.

We are also trying to keep everyone as informed as possible, please be patient as we navigate through yet another lock down extension.

Stay safe and see you soon

Frank, Char and the Crew