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## **CHILD WELFARE COMMUNIQUE**

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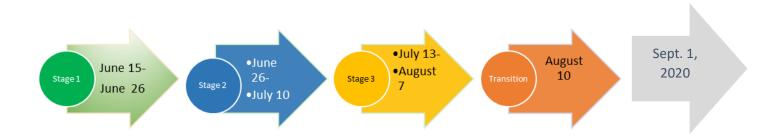
## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: INTERIM REINTEGRATION PLANNING

Batchewana First Nation | Garden River First Nation | Thessalon First Nation | Mississauga First Nation | Serpent River First Nation | Sagamok Anishnawbek | Atikameksheng Anishnawbek

The Covid-19 pandemic, has yet again, created another threat which has caused chaos and confusion among our families and communities. And yet, amidst the confusion and anxiety we, together, as individuals, families, communities, agencies, and Nations maintain and foster a sense of solidarity and hope through the many examples of strength and resilience. All of us have so many personal and professional lessons to show, to each and everyone of us, that we stand together.

It is in this spirit of togetherness, where we recognize our joint pledge to stay safe and to continue to protect the health and safety of all by developing a cautious plan to reintegrate our entire face-to-face services back to the community through a four-stage approach, which will remain flexible to change, depending on our progress. Please note that we will continue to provide both virtual and face-to-face during this entire reintegration process. This four-stage approach will commence immediately and culminate with 100% integration of our workforce by September 1, 2020:





We wish to thank you all for your patience and to let you know that we are mindful of our key takeaway from this: We are all in this together!

Please contact Kerry Francis kfrancis@nog.ca if you have any comments or questions.