Six Nations Implements Safety Precautions to Protect the Community Due to COVID-19

Ohsweken, ON, Mar. 14, 2020: Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council (SNGR EC) has passed several Band Council Resolutions (BCRs) that are precautionary and proactive measures to protect the overall community.


On March 13, 2020, SNGR EC held a special council meeting. Of the BCRs carried at this meeting include:

- Effective immediately, the closures of all Six Nations Day Care Centres, Six Nations Bingo Hall and all community events until April 6th, 2020
- Effective immediately a travel ban for all SNGR Councillors and employees
- The closure of all SNGR Parks and Recreation facilities until April 6th
- Approval of non-essential SNGR employees to work from home until April 6, 2020, plans of such are under development

Other precautionary measures taken include:
- Public closure of Iroquois Lodge
- The implementation of health screenings for anyone entering SNGR departments that remain open

The SNGR EC has taken these steps outlined above as a precautionary measure to mitigate the risk and exposure to the community. The Elected Council will continue working with public health experts and will announce additional proactive measures in the days to come.

The Elected Council encourages all Six Nations members to be practicing social distancing by limiting your exposure to large crowds and keeping a recommended one meter between people. The SNGR EC also acknowledges that our traditional ceremonies are essential and aid in all aspects of our health, this does not impact those ceremonies, they will continue to run as planned.

Ohsweken Public Health officials have asked that anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath, contact the Public Health Office at: 519-445-2672. Residents should contact Public Health before going to a hospital or clinic in order to minimize the potential of spreading the virus further.

At this time there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Six Nations.


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