Some Six Nations Members Asked by Public Health to Self-Isolate Today

Today, Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council has been notified that a member of Six Nations Fire Services will be tested for the COVID-19 virus. As a result, Elected Council and the Emergency Control Group have mandated that people who came into contact with the individual being tested self-isolate as a precaution to prevent the potential spread of the virus. This measure will be in place until test results from the member are received.

“A member of our fire platoon is concerned about a potential exposure to COVID-19 and notified us right away, which allows us to take immediate steps to limit the spread of the virus. Public Health will be calling people who should begin to self-isolate immediately. Right now, 11 other fire fighters including myself are self-isolating as a precaution. This is what we ask all of our members to do if they believe they could have been exposed to COVID-19, and we will lead by example,” said Fire Chief Matthew Miller.

Six Nations Fire and Emergency Services will not be impacted by today’s decision. Two full platoons remain active, and service providers from neighbouring communities have agreed to help Six Nations as needed.

Test results will be communicated to the Ohsweken Public Health Office. If test results are negative, fire fighters will return to work. If test results are positive, they will continue self-isolation for the next 14 days and monitor themselves for symptoms.

“We have an efficient competent team of professionals in place, working tirelessly to understand and stay in front of this crisis and it is why we are able to move quickly with today’s decision and take every precaution possible to protect our community. We don’t know the status of the results – positive or negative, but we must take immediate measures to safeguard our community. We have a system in place to find and isolate potential COVID-19 exposures – this is the system working like it’s supposed to,” said Chief Hill.

People in self-isolation must stay home and avoid contact with others. They should not allow visitors to their home and should not visit other people. People in self-isolation should separate themselves from others in their household by staying in a separate room. People who develop symptoms should call Ohsweken Public Health at 519-445-2672.
Six Nations of the Grand River declared a Community Emergency on March 12, 2020 which initiated a series of multiple measures to combat the spread of COVID-19. These measures include the closure of non-essential services and facilities, public schools, and mandating Elected Council staff to work from home. Six Nations members are reminded to stay at home unless it is absolutely necessary. In addition, restaurants will no longer offer sit down service and have moved to takeout, drive through and delivery only.

Six Nations members are reminded to stay at home unless it is absolutely necessary to leave for medical reasons or to get groceries. By limiting contact with people Six Nations can slow the spread of the virus.**There are no confirmed cases in Six Nations of the Grand River community to date.**

Six Nations members who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever, cough, and/or difficulty breathing, should call Ohsweken Public Health at 519-445-2672.

Members who require urgent medical attention should call 911.

For more information on how Six Nations members can keep themselves and their community safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit Six Nation’s COVID-19 website: [www.sixnationscovid19.ca](http://www.sixnationscovid19.ca)


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