Six Nations Declares COVID-19 Emergency


“Six Nations Elected Council is committed to supporting our people during the global COVID-19 pandemic,” said Chief Mark Hill. “After weeks of monitoring the situation, we have decided to declare a Community Emergency in order to allow us to better align our existing resources, and obtain additional resources, to face the challenges ahead.”

As an immediate result of the Community Emergency declaration, schools in Six Nations will be closed from March 16th until April 6th, 2020. The Elected Council will continue working with public health experts and may announce additional measures in the days to come.

“We are all responsible for the health of our community. This declaration is also a call to action for the community to come together and take active measures to protect our people – especially our Elders and Knowledge Keepers, and our youth. I urge Six Nations residents to practice proper hand washing hygiene, to stay at home if sick, and to follow public health advice from local, provincial and federal experts,” said Chief Hill.

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.

“As Onkwehonwe people, we are resilient – and this is not the first time we have come face to face with adversity. The Elected Council is fully determined to prevent widespread infection in our community and support those who need help. This is a time of perseverance. We will get through this together,” said Chief Hill.

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


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