Community Urged to Follow Ongoing Health Measures Following 15th Confirmed Case of COVID-19

Ohsweken Public Health officials have confirmed another case of the COVID-19 virus in Six Nations Territory.

Contact-tracing has been underway since the confirmation was received this morning and each of the identified contacts have been ordered to begin self-isolating for at least 14-days, or until testing is carried out and the results are received.

The latest confirmation brings the total number of confirmed cases in Six Nations since the start of the pandemic to 15. To date the Six Nations COVID-19 Assessment Centre has completed 1076 tests and of those test 1023 were confirmed negative cases.

“We’ve all been getting a little more comfortable going about our day-to-day activities since entering stage two of the recovery plan, but this latest confirmed case is a stark reminder that the virus is still in and around Six Nations Territory,” says Six Nations Health Service’s Director Lori Davis Hill. “Everyone should continue to conduct themselves as though they have the virus and don’t want to spread it, and as if everyone else has the virus and they don’t want to get it.”

**Ongoing public health and safety measures include:**

- A limit of 10 people for outside gatherings;
- Practicing physical distancing in public places;
- Wearing a mask while in public spaces, especially in indoor settings and when physical distance cannot be maintained;
- Staying at home if feeling ill or experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms (cough, shortness of breath or fever) then calling the Six Nations COVID-19 Assessment Centre toll free at 1-855-977-7707 or locally at 226-446-9909, and;
- Keeping bodies and surroundings clean and disinfected, especially hands by washing and/or disinfecting them often and for at least 20 seconds.

Public health officials are also reminding community members of their responsibility when it comes to contact-tracing, a tool that continues to prove extremely effective in finding and containing the COVID-19 virus, but only when an infected person can list the people they have been in contact with over the past 14 days.

“If you can’t remember the names of all of the people you have been in contact with over the past two weeks, you may be overdoing it and should consider reducing your interactions with others,” says Hill.

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