Ohsweken Public Health Asks for Community’s Assistance with COVID-19 Contact Tracing

Six Nations Public Health officials are asking members of the community to do their part in protecting everybody’s health by keeping track of where they have been and who they have been in contact with.

Contact tracing is proven to be one of the most effective ways of identifying and containing the spread of the COVID-19 virus in any community. The process involves retracing the steps of a person who is or may be infected to determine the people they have come into contact with.

Ohsweken Public Health (OPH) officials says contact tracing is most effective when they can trace the whereabouts and interactions of a person over the 14 days before they were infected.

“In tracing people’s steps, we want to ensure that those who may have been exposed to the virus are aware of that fact and encourage them to come in for testing,” says Lori Davis Hill.

She is reminding people that all the information they gather is confidential and can quite possibly save lives.

OPH is encouraging residents to find ways to keep track of where they have been, including keeping a journal on their phone or in a notepad and to consider holding on to shopping receipts as another way to remind yourself where you’ve been.

The entire Emergency Control Group is reminding the community how important accurate and factual information is in the fight against COVID-19. Community members should question where all of their information comes from and should seek out important health and safety information from trusted sources and organizations like public health and elected officials.

We remind the community to maintain a Good Mind and act with kindness during these stressful times.

And continue to follow the public health measures: wear a mask in public, keep physical distancing, wash your hands frequently and clean high touch areas often.

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