Elected Council and Emergency Control Group Wish the Community a Safe and Healthy Holiday Season

Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council and the Emergency Control Group wish each community member a safe and healthy holiday season.

The community is reminded that it will take each member to do their part to ensure this holiday season is in fact, a safe and healthy one.

This includes staying home as much as possible, and turning to more virtual means to gather with others outside of your household.

Continuing to master good hand hygiene with constant hand washing and hand sanitizing, wearing face coverings around those that do not live in your immediate household, staying home and reporting symptoms (even the mildest ones), as well as constant cleaning of commonly touched surfaces are all excellent measures to keep ourselves and others safe this holiday season.

This holiday season you should avoid any parties or gatherings and avoid holiday traveling (especially outside of the country).

“This 2020 holiday season will be different for everyone across Turtle Island.” Said Elected Chief Mark Hill, “We must keep in mind that this is just one holiday season, and if we all continue to do our part to Protect Our People we can look forward to a 2021 holiday season where we can safely gather.”

It will be extremely hard to stay away from friends and family at a time where we usually get to be close and celebrate.

But please remember that with no sign that cases are slowing down and hospitals nearing or exceeding capacity that it’s not worth it to put the ones you love the most at risk.

With the most recent vaccine developments and a roll-out strategy in place, there will come a time when it will be less risky to gather.

Until then, protect your family by staying apart.

The Central Administration building will be closed the following dates:

- December 23, 2020 – Closing at 2PM
- December 24, 2020 – Closed
- December 25, 2020 - Closed
- December 28, 2020 – Closed
- December 29, 2020 – Closed
- December 30, 2020 – Closed
- December 31, 2020 – Closed
- January 1, 2021 – Closed

Community members are reminded to call your service provider to check on availability during this time and of services that will be available over the holidays, which include:

- **Six Nations Crisis Line (text or chat):** 519-445-2204 or 1-866-445-2204
- **Six Nations Mental Health & Addictions:** 1769 Chiefswood Road (Walk in Crisis Services or Call, located behind the pharmacy) 519-445-2143
- **Ganohkwarsa Support Line:** 519-445-4324
- **Kids Help Line Call:** 1-800-668-6868 OR Young People Text “TALK” to 686868 OR Adult Text “WELLNESS” to 741741 OR search online [www.kidshelpphone.ca](http://www.kidshelpphone.ca) (online chat available)
- **First Nations & Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line:** 1-855-242-3310 OR search online [www.hopeforwellness.ca](http://www.hopeforwellness.ca) (online chat available)
- **Indigenous Victim Services:** toll free 1-866-964-5920 (servicing Six Nations, Brantford, Hamilton and Cayuga Areas)

As a community we have done so well uniting in our pandemic response, let’s keep Protecting Our People. Happy Holidays Six Nations and Happy No:ia!

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