Six Nations Marks One-Year Anniversary since Declaring Community Emergency Due to COVID-19

It has been 365 days since the Six Nations Emergency Control Group made the decision with support from Elected Council to declare a Community Emergency for the territory.

It has also been over 365 days of non-stop working for many of the community’s frontline staff. Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council would like to recognize Ohsweken Public Health, Gane Yohs Health Centre, Six Nations Paramedic Services, Six Nations Fire and Emergency Services, Six Nations Police Service, Six Nations Health Services, Six Nations Public Works, Six Nations Social Services, Six Nations Crisis Response Team, and the Six Nations Food Bank, to name only a few of the dedicated teams that have worked and continue to work tirelessly to ensure the community’s safety throughout the pandemic.

These dedicated workers continue to make sacrifices, especially within their own families. Extra hours beyond the normal workday are sacrificed to plan, discuss, strategize, and implement safeguards to protect our people, taking away from dinnertime and weekends spent with families.

To those families that have dealt with these sacrifices for the past year and continue to miss their frontline husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, dads, moms, uncles, aunties, grandparents and cousins – your continued support to keep our frontline workers strong, supported, and loved is truly marvelous and helps the entire community in turn.

The way our Six Nations community cares for each other like one big family is amazing, and with this hope and caring for one another, we will pull ourselves out of this pandemic stronger than ever.

However, our frontline workers are burnt out, and we need the entire community’s support to make it through what we hope to be the last stretch of this COVID-19 pandemic.

The number of active cases in the community continues to decline, and our frontline workers thank everyone for their efforts collectively to slow the spread of this virus.

Let us keep up the efforts to reduce our cases in Six Nations. Together we all have a part to play to Protect Our People.

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