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Two-Week Departmental Shut down and Community-Wide Reduced Hours of Service

On Monday March 1, Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council passed a motion to temporarily close Elected Council departments for two weeks effective 4:30 pm on Thursday, March 4 and set to re-open on Friday, March 19.

This is in direct response to the high case numbers of COVID-19 here at Six Nations.

The two-week closure will be monitored daily and reassessed prior to the March 19th date, where the closure may be extended. Any new announcement regarding the closure will be done as soon as a decision is made following the advice of our Public Health workers.

Programs and services will be limited to urgent needs only. To enquire if specific programs and services can be arranged, please contact your specific service provider, and leave a voicemail or email for follow up.

Office buildings will be closed to the public.

For your awareness, neighboring communities have reported cases of the COVID-19 variants. Luckily, Six Nations has not reported any variants of concern to date. It is imperative that we all abide by the stay at home order as much as possible.

Non-essential businesses are also asked to close while essential business are asked to reduce hours to help the community curb the spread of the virus. On Wednesday and Thursday of next week (March 10th and 11th), Elected Council will be hosting two-zoom sessions to allow businesses to enquire with any questions or concerns.

To register for these zoom business session please email arleenmaracle@sixnations.ca or lauriemartin@sixnations.ca.

Please note the two-week closure does not mean checkpoints will be erected at this time around the community. However, Elected Council are imploring local businesses to reduce hours of service to open between 12PM and 6PM to avoid panic buyers flooding the territory.

The community remains in Alert Level Black of the pandemic response framework.

Everyone must continue to do their part to monitor themselves for symptoms and report same, even the mildest ones, to either the community’s Ohsweken Public Health office at 519-445-2672 or the Six Nations COVID-19 Assessment Centre at 1-855-977-7737, or at 226-446-9909. Tests can also be booked online at www.sixnationscovid19.ca or by calling the COVID-19 Assessment Centre. To pre-register for the COVID-19 vaccine clinic call 226-227-9288.

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