ECG Thank Turtle Island Lacrosse and Other Six Nations Event Planners for Presenting their COVID-19 Mitigation Plans, Call for Others to Do the Same

On August 23, 2020, Turtle Island Lacrosse (TIL) presented to the Emergency Control Group (ECG) their plans to mitigate the risk of exposure and spread of COVID-19 during their Iroquois Nationals Lacrosse Camp that took place over the weekend of August 26, 2020 at the Oliver M. Smith School on Third Line in Six Nations Territory.

Members from Turtle Island Lacrosse explained their mitigation plans which included scheduling practice sessions that do not overlap, reduced parking spaces for physical distancing; ensuring all participants are from the province of Ontario and have not crossed the border within the past 14 days from registering to the event.

As well, on-field guideline implementations were outlined during the presentation. Some of the many health and safety measures that were presented to the ECG included: allowing no more than 20 participants within a designated age group; bringing own water bottles to event to avoid cross contaminations; temperature checks upon registration; ensuring contact information is accurate of all participants for contact-tracing purpose; and having a registered nurse present during the event.

The ECG members were very pleased to hear of all of the mitigation, prevention and protection measures put in place by the TIL.

“Turtle Island Lacrosse modelled a very well-thought out process for running an event during the COVID-19 pandemic that reduces the risk of exposure and spread of the virus into the community for the safety of everyone, we commend them for taking this initiative and reaching out to us to present their plan.” Director of Health Services Lori Davis Hill, “We encourage other community event planners to please reach out to us to present their mitigation plans. We are here to share the most up to date Health guidance with you and assist with planning to ensure the safest measures are in place that support Project: Protect Our People.”

All other community event planners are encouraged to contact the Emergency Control Group’s Health Recovery Team Lead Nicole Bilodeau via email at nbilodeau@sixnations.ca or through any other member of the ECG.

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