Private Gatherings Reduced to 10 Indoor and 25 Outdoor – Caution Travelling to COVID-19 Hotspots

During last night’s General Council meeting the Emergency Control Group recommended to Elected Council to reduce the amount of indoor and outdoor PRIVATE, UNMONITORED gatherings from 25 and 40, to 10 and 25 respectfully.

This does not apply to STAFFED OR MONITORED FUNCTIONS; given those gatherings have the recommended health and safety risk mitigation procedures in place; such as active screening for symptoms, mandatory mask wearing, physical distancing, conducting ongoing risk assessments, recording a contact-tracing log, and the implementation of proper hand hygiene regimes. Staffed functions will remain at gathering sizes of 25 indoors and 40 outdoors as per the Six Nations Health and Safety Guidelines Stage 2.5.

Monitoring the surrounding areas and the continuous rise in confirmed cases gave cause to this recommendation from ECG to Elected Council, as Toronto, Peel Region, Brampton and Ottawa are currently active COVID-19 hotspots.

ECG commends the community for continuing to practice the Public Health recommendations to keep our families safe and protecting our people however, cautions the community to reconsider travelling to the above-mentioned hotspots.

“Six Nations of the Grand River community has done very well at keeping the numbers low but we do not want to let our guard down now – we must remain vigilant,” encourages Elected Chief Mark Hill.

Although Six Nations community members have been doing a good job at keeping our case counts low, with colder weather approaching and private gatherings moving indoors, the risk of transmission will increase, so we need to be diligent to keep ourselves and our families safe.

We do not want to move back a stage or go into lock down again, so we need to be even more vigilant with following public health practices.

This can include wearing masks or face coverings during private family gatherings with those outside of your household and keeping gathering sizes to a recommended minimum of 10 indoors and 25 outdoors. Please note that these gathering sizes cannot be combined – you should not have a gathering with 25 outdoors and 10 indoors. If you are having a gathering that is both indoors/outdoors it should be limited at 10.

Any community members interested in booking a test or learning more information about the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 are encouraged to call the Six Nations COVID-19 Information and Assessment Centre toll free at 1-855-977-7737 or locally at 226-446-9909.

Any community member interested in seeking guidance for their business’ functions during the COVID-19 pandemic are encouraged to call the Six Nations COVID-19 Guideline Hotline for Business at 519-750-4908.

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