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Ohsweken Public Health Identifies COVID-19 Cases As Result of Midwinters Ceremonies

Six Nations received notice over the weekend from Ohsweken Public Health (OPH) have identified positive cases from members that attended midwinter’s ceremonies from January 15 to 26.

OPH are pleading with the community to seek immediate testing for COVID-19, if they attended the ceremonies (masked or not), or came into contact with other members who attended the ceremony.

As well if members are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, or feel they may have engaged in any high risk activities that would make them susceptible to COVID-19 please book your test online today.

Individuals experiencing symptoms, even the mildest need to seek testing as soon as possible and to self-isolate as well, while they wait for test results or if they have been contacted by public health to remain in self-isolation until cleared.

“This COVID-19 pandemic is very mentally draining on everyone, testing is not about shaming members but more so about reducing further spread into the community and we are pleading with members to come forward to be tested.” Said Director of Health Services, Lori Davis Hill.

Those battling COVID-19 are encouraged to maintain connections with the local public health office and to contact them for further guidance, or concerns on member’s certain circumstances at 519-445-2672.

As First Nations peoples we have conquered, endured and persevered through the most horrific of times – let this be no different and let us show our warrior strength each of us has within.

Keeping a good mind, seeking strength, wisdom and guidance to continue this fight against COVID-19 and requesting help, spiritually to help protect our community is needed.

We are also urging community members to please do your part in our fight against COVID-19.

Community testing is encouraged more than even before, please book your test online at www.sixnationscovid19.ca. For members that cannot use the online booking service are encouraged to call the Assessment Centre at 1-855-977-7737 or 226-446-9909.

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