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Presents a reflection of past news and events comprised of press releases, a selection of important updates from SNGR departments, community notices and information updates regarding Six Nations COVID-19 response in the community.
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COVID-19 Hotline for Business (Health & Environmental Inspections):
519-750-4908

Crisis Response Team:
519-445-2204 OR 1-866-445-2204

Emergency Baby/Infant Support:
519-445-4922

Ganohkwasra:
519-445-4324

Health Services:
519-445-2418

Housing:
519-445-2235

Indigenous Victim Services:
226-227-2192

Mental Health & Addictions:
519-445-2143

Ohsweken Public Health:
519-445-2672

Ontario Works:
519-445-2084

Public Works:
519-445-4242

Six Nations COVID-19 Information & Assessment Centre:
1-855-977-7737 OR 226-446-9909

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519-771-0025

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SNGR Elected Council
PRESS RELEASES
Six Nations May See Several Weeks Pass before Receiving COVID-19 Vaccine in the Community

December 15, 2020 – The Six Nations of the Grand River community needs to be aware that it will likely be several weeks before we have access to the vaccines.

A community based COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force team is working with all available information and engaging in a fulsome planning process that is reflective of rapidly evolving planning that is happening Federally and Provincially.

As of today, timelines are unclear as to when the vaccines will be available for roll-out at the community level therefore Ohsweken Public Health is not aware of any Six Nations community members who are eligible, this early in the rollout.

Information that is currently available to the public regarding the COVID-19 vaccine can also be found at the following links:

a) The Government of Canada has released fact sheets about the COVID-19 vaccine, that highlight Canada’s high standards for vaccine safety:

n/awareness-resources/ know-vaccine.html

b) Indigenous Services Canada also has a COVID-19 webpage that is now live:

https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1606941379837/1606941507767

Please watch the sixnationscovid19.ca website for ongoing information regarding the vaccine plan for Six Nations.
Community Urged to Remain Diligent Now to Prevent Rise in Cases as Resources are Stretched Thin

December 17, 2020 – Six Nations community members need to be even more diligent now, in order to prevent more cases in the community.

Health care resources are noticeably stretched in the neighbouring communities, and Ohsweken Public Health, Gane Yohs Health Centre (OPH) are seeing a communication lag with the local health units.

Any members who have been notified to stay home due to an exposure of students in the surrounding high schools are encouraged to call Ohsweken Public Health at 519-445-2672 for questions and/or guidance.

Members are also encouraged to call the COVID-19 Assessment Centre for testing at 1-855-977-7737 or 226-446-9909.

Any community member waiting for results are also encouraged to contact Ohsweken Public Health for assistance with retrieving their COVID-19 results, reporting a COVID-19 exposure or reporting a positive COVID-19 test result.

“Six Nations Community, please be reminded of the potential impacts of all of the activities that you may be considering over the Holidays.” Pleads Director of Health Services, Lori Davis Hill.

I know this is a lot to ask, but please be mindful of your holiday plans and remember that for this Winter Holiday Season, please consider the safety of the entire community.

Community members are encouraged to try more virtual, physically-distanced holiday activities this year.

Please also remember to protect yourself and community by wearing your mask when around others outside of your household, constantly washing your hands and practicing good hand hygiene, travelling only when necessary, and staying home if you feel ill even with the mildest symptoms, and reporting your symptoms to the community’s COVID-19 Assessment Centre Team.
Safe Alternatives on How to Celebrate the 2021 No:i:a during the COVID-19 Pandemic

December 21, 2020 – Elected Council and the Emergency Control Group encourage community members to celebrate this 2021 New Year safely, and remind members that we are still in the midst of a global pandemic. Typically community would be seen travelling from family members and friends houses on New Year’s Day happily exchanging No:i:a fruits, cookies and donuts – however this year we must not become lax with the COVID safety measures or the potential for another holiday outbreak in the community could take place.

“It is unrealistic to ask the community to not gather, however not gathering and having parties is the only way to guarantee slowing the spread of COVID into Six Nations.” Said Elected Chief Mark Hill. “However if you are planning to leave the safety of your home, please make sure to bring your mask, hand sanitizer and physical distance as much as possible from others.”

“We need to normalize mask wearing, especially when choosing to visit in other family and friends houses.” Said Director of Health Services, Lori Davis Hill. “Mask wearing and hand washing will protect you and the others you are around. Protecting our people is the best gift we can give to each other this year, so we all must do our part to remain diligent and committed with our safety measures.”

Some No:i:a COVID-19 safe alternatives to consider bringing in the New Year are:

- Host a No:i:a virtual zoom party with family and friends (for those with internet access),
- Host a No:i:a conference call party with family and friends (for those with phone access),
- Drop-off pre-packaged No:i:a treats for family and friends to pick-up contactless,
- Plan a No:i:a drive-by parade with your friends and family,
- Regardless of your No:i:a plans, please ensure you are wearing your mask/face covering when around others not from your immediate household to Protect Our People

Community members are reminded to also not drink and drive this holiday season. Operations will resume Monday January 4, 2020. Members are reminded to call your service provider to check on availability during this time and if services that will be available over the holidays, which include:

- Six Nations Crisis Line (text or chat): 519-445-2204 or 1-866-445-2204
- Walk in Crisis Services or Call Six Nations Mental Health & Addictions: 1769 Chieflwood Road (behind the pharmacy) 519-445-2143
- Ganohkwasra Support Line: 519-445-4324
- Kids Help Line Call: 1-800-668-6868 OR Young People Text “TALK” to 686868 OR Adult Text “WELLNESS” to 741741 OR search online www.kidshelpphone.ca (online chat available)
- Indigenous Victim Services: toll free 1-866-964-5920 (servicing Six Nations, Brantford, Hamilton and Cayuga Areas)
- Six Nations COVID-19 Information & Assessment Centre: toll free 1-855-977-7737 or 226-446-9909

Ohsweken Public Health will remain open over the holiday season on non-statutory holidays. Please call 519-445-2672 as needed.

Let’s leave COVID-19 behind with 2020 – but in order to do so, we all must continue to do our part to Protect Our People! As a community Six Nations has done a great job in uniting in our pandemic response, let’s keep Protecting Our People. Happy No:i:a Six Nations.
COVID-19 Measures Increased as Six Nations Moves to Red Alert Level

December 23, 2020 – Six Nations of the Grand River will move into the Red alert level of their pandemic response framework as case numbers force lockdowns in surrounding communities.

Elected Council accepted a recommendation for the move from the Emergency Control Group last evening.

“These from the beginning of this pandemic, Six Nations of the Grand River has led a response guided by the case numbers and other economic and social realities faced by our community,” says Chief Mark Hill.

Although COVID-19 cases remain steady and under control with only two active cases, the Emergency Control Group took the increasing strains on local healthcare capacity along with other pressures into consideration when making their recommendation.

The move to the Red COVID-19 alert level means the following changes in public health and safety measures:

- Restricting any private inside or outside gatherings to your own households;
- Reducing monitored indoor gatherings to five people;
- Reducing monitored outdoor gatherings to ten people, and;
- Discouraging travel outside of the territory.

A reminder that a monitored gathering is one that has put public health measures in place and are enforced by staff or volunteers.

More information on the measures under the Red COVID-19 alert level can be found at sixnationscovid19.ca as well as the Six Nations Newsletter which was mailed out to all households. There, you can also find other health and safety tips for community members, businesses, and other groups.

Six Nations of the Grand River adopted its own unique framework on December 1, 2020, that uses a similar code system as Ontario’s.

The move to alert level Red is in place for at least two weeks unless the circumstances change dramatically and tougher measures are required where a move to the black level will be recommended.

“I want to be clear that these measures are only in effect within Six Nations and based on the expectation that members will only leave the territory for essential reasons, and that our neighbours will follow their own lockdown orders and refrain from leaving their houses to travel here,” says Chief Hill. “We will be closely monitoring the situation and will not hesitate to introduce tougher measures if that expectation is not met.”

Public health officials continue to encourage members to continue to follow basic health and safety recommendations throughout the holiday season, including only interacting with those in your immediate household.

Six Nations will enter the Red COVID-19 alert level when Ontario does the same on December 26, 2020 at 12:01 am.

Ohswegen Public Health will remain open over the holiday season and can be reached by calling 519-445-2672.
COVID-19 Information & Assessment Centre Now Has Online Booking Feature & New Drive-thru Road Map

January 4, 2021 – Six Nations COVID-19 Information and Assessment Centre is enhancing services to the community by providing an online booking feature, and a new, more efficient drive-thru road map.

The online booking feature is a short 5-step process that allows community members to book COVID-19 testing at their fingertips.

There will still be the option to call-in to schedule your COVID-19 test, however this new online feature is encouraged for community members to use.

This new feature will eliminate the need for more call-centre nursing staff, ultimately freeing up the valuable nursing power to redirect their attention towards other COVID-19 assessment centre matters such as with contact-tracing or follow-up calls to current community members dealing with the COVID virus.

Online booking will be launched this week, and community members interested in using this new feature are encouraged to visit: www.sixnationscovid19.ca to book their COVID-19 test.

In addition to the new online booking feature, the Assessment Centre has a new, more efficient drive-thru road map that can be viewed below.

Members entering the Parks and Recreation grounds for testing are now directed to enter via Lawrence Jonathan Lane, instead of the Fourth Line entrance.

For members that cannot access the online booking feature you are encouraged to call the assessment centre at 1-855-977-7737 or 226-446-9909.
Elected Council Echoes Calls to Rescind Former Premier’s Appointment to the Order of Ontario

January 6, 2021 – Six Nations of the Grand River’s Elected Council is standing in solidarity with the Chief and Council of Kettle and Stoney Point, the George Family and with First Nations across Ontario in calling for the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario to rescind the appointment of former Premier Mike Harris to the province’s highest honour.

The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell announced the former Premier’s addition to the Order of Ontario on Friday, news that has been met with outrage from many First Nations and those who best remember the controversial figure for his role in the death of Anthony “Dudley” George at Ipperwash in 1995.

The tragic circumstances around the shooting death of the unarmed protestor and the role the former Premier played in it were captured in detail in the 2007 Ipperwash Inquiry Report. A report that to this day remains unfulfilled. We are asking the government of Ontario to rescind this appointment and to focus on completing the work outline in the Ipperwash Inquiry Report and take hold of the long term solutions to prevent this and further tragedies for occurring again.

In an age where active, societal debates around state-enforced and executed violence against marginalized groups are taking place, and as monuments to the figures who knowingly contributed to these atrocities continue to fall, this decision seems tone deaf, to say the least

says Elected Chief Mark Hill. “Our communities hearts break thinking of how this decision is affecting Anthony “Dudley” George’s family and community.”
COVID-19 Vaccinations Underway for Long Term Care Staff, Residents to be Vaccinated Next

January 9, 2021 – Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council report that some vaccinations have begun for Iroquois Lodge’s Long Term Care (LTC) staff.

The Pfizer vaccinations are being administered at specific hospitals, acting as hubs to distribute the vaccine to Long Term Care Staff across Ontario, and Six Nations LTC staff have begun to receive their vaccinations earlier today at the Hamilton Health Sciences Hospital.

To clarify and address a Facebook post made by a staff member at Iroquois Lodge earlier yesterday, Six Nations is not administering vaccinations at this time but are working towards confirming the priority list, staffing, and distribution logistics.

To confirm, this staff member received their vaccination at the Hamilton Health Sciences hospital and not within the community.

A Six Nations Vaccination Task Force was formed in late December 2020, and are working diligently to confirm a prioritization list for our vulnerable community members, as well as for overall members that wish to receive the vaccination.

The Task Force are working devotedly and are being guided by the province’s ethical framework that ensures a prioritization list for the community that is fair.

Elected Council members are also participating in various provincial and federal table discussions around the vaccination roll-out and will continue to represent Six Nations at those tables.

Community members are reminded that vaccination is not mandatory and will be a personal choice when it becomes readily available; as well it is important to note that any vaccination plans are highly dependent on the availability of vaccine, and we are still waiting on directives from the province.

We appreciate the community’s patience during these hectic times, and will look to provide more updates on vaccine roll-out next week.

It is important for the community to remember that public health precautions must be maintained within our vaccine rollout and that community members should only be gathering with those within their household at this time.
COVID-19 Vaccinations Update #3 to the Six Nations Community

January 13, 2021 – Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council (EC) and the Emergency Control Group (ECG) are excited to announce more vaccinations have taken place since the second community update that was provided this past Saturday January 9, 2021 (the first update was provide on December 15, 2020).

Hamilton Health Sciences Hospital is the Pfizer vaccination hub location for Six Nations Long Term Care (LTC) staff, and they have vaccinated twenty-seven staff and support workers from Iroquois Lodge thus far.

Iroquois Lodge and Jay Silverheels staff are working through obtaining resident’s consent for COVID vaccinations, and they will be the first community resident group to receive doses.

Four Six Nations Paramedics received the Pfizer vaccination to date, and are generating a list of at least 10 other paramedics in line for the next vaccination date.

Six Nations Paramedics, Ohsweken Public Health and Health Services staff are also working through training and administration in order to be fully prepared to administer the vaccinations within the community, when Six Nations receives doses.

Currently, the Pfizer vaccinations are only being administered at designated hospitals determined by the province and Ministry of Health, and have a tight twenty-one day second dose timeline window that must be confirmed by both the vaccinator and community member.

The Moderna vaccinations are expected to be shipped directly to the community, and have a tight twenty-eight day second dose window that must be confirmed by both the vaccinator and the member.

It is important to note that the shipment quantity will impact Six Nations distribution to the community, and to date Six Nations have not heard specifically from the province details on vaccination shipment quantity, or dates.

However Director of Health Services Lori Davis Hill notes “It is expected the initial shipment quantities will not be sufficient to begin mass immunization, due to the high global demand, which is why we are having fulsome discussions to confirm the priority list.”

The Six Nations COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force will be confirming the priority list this week, working diligently with meetings underway daily, from which will develop a presentation to Elected Council, and then the final decision will be announced to the community.
COVID-19 Measures Increased as Six Nations Moves to Black Alert Level on January 18th at 12:01AM

January 15, 2021 – Six Nations of the Grand River will move into the BLACK alert level of their pandemic response framework, urging all community members to avoid all non-essential travel starting Monday January 18, 2021 at 12:01AM.

Elected Council accepted a recommendation for the move from red to black by the Emergency Control Group at a special council meeting that took place on January 14, 2021.

Due to the rise in case numbers not only in the community, but in surrounding communities combined with the recent provincial Stay-At-Home order, this tells us that we have to move into the black COVID-19 alert level to prevent any further spread of the virus and to protect our community.

- Elected Chief Mark Hill

The move to the black COVID-19 alert level means complete restriction of any gatherings outside of your immediate household, but permitting single-member households to gather with only one other household; a stay at home advisory to avoid all non-essential travel unless for essential purposes only (including but not limited to work, health care, and groceries); businesses are advised to offer delivery, curbside and other contactless business transactions only; schools and daycares will remain closed, along with gyms, the bingo hall, sports facilities and other personal care services; as well as designating essential workers only to work within all community workplaces, which is subject to the discretion of each businesses management.

Six Nations is working on a notice that will be shared next week outlining essential businesses within the community. Members are encouraged to reference the COVID-19 Response Framework online at https://www.sixnationscovid19.ca/uploads/public/files/COVID19_Pandemic_Response_Framework.pdf. This document was also mailed out to the community in December.

With this in mind, the federally run schools and daycares within the community have a new reopening date of February 10, 2021 which will be reassessed over the next few weeks. As well, the alert level black position will be reassessed on February 1, 2021 with further announcements made thereafter.

Community needs to be aware that surrounding hospitals are reaching capacity, and if capacity is reached, this will then mean elective surgeries, along with other non-emergency hospital visits will be put on hold.

The local Six Nations Police Service has noted a concerning amount of quarantine checks coming to their office from the Border Crossing Services, which tells us that members are continuing to frequently travel and cross borders. Cross border travelling should only happen for essential workers and compassionate family issues at this point in alert level black.

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It is strongly encouraged that when members are travelling for essential purposes only, try to shop local within the community as much as possible. COVID transmission is rising and at critical levels in surrounding communities.

Six Nations’ transmission risk is alarming due to the nearby COVID hotspots that surround the Territory, and members increase this risk not only for themselves but the entire community every time they leave the Territory which is why shopping local especially now is more important than before.

Six Nations will remain in the BLACK COVID-19 alert level until the Emergency Control Group has determined that risk is declining and case numbers are under control, and will be re-assessed on February 1, 2021 with more updates to be communicated at that time.

“We are asking you to join us for what we hope will be one last push to slow and prevent the spread of the virus in our community.” Said Elected Chief Mark Hill.

Members showing any symptoms and wanting to conduct a COVID-19 test are asked to book online at www.sixnationscovid19.ca or those that cannot access the website may also call the Six Nations COVID Assessment Centre at 1-855-977-7737 or 226-446-9909.

More information on the measures under the Black COVID-19 alert level can be found at www.sixnationscovid19.ca. There, you can also find other health and safety tips for community members, businesses, and other groups.

Each Community Member must do their part by following the health and safety measures that protect against COVID such as frequent hand washing, constant cleaning and disinfecting of commonly touched surfaces at home and at work, wearing a face covering when around others that are not from your household or those who have symptoms, reporting symptoms to the community COVID assessment centre, and only travelling when necessary for essential purposes.

Off reserve community members are also encouraged to be diligent in preventing the virus from spreading. Staying home is the easiest, safest and best way to keep everyone safe from further spread of COVID-19.
Current State of Ontario’s Healthcare System Faced with Alarming COVID Patient Capacity & Staff Burnout

January 20, 2021 – Six Nations of the Grand River community members need to be made aware of the current state of our healthcare system’s capacity, in terms of both COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 related patients. Hospitals are nearing critical capacity risking a collapse of the healthcare system.

The capacity of the healthcare system is approaching a breaking point of being overwhelmed. Deaths will exceed the first wave of the pandemic before the vaccine has time to take an effect, as projected by the new provincial modelling, if people wait to act at preventing COVID-19.

Daily mortality is increasing and is expected to double, if trends persist, from 50 to 100 deaths per day between now and the end of February.

Dr. Brown, University of Toronto epidemiologist, noted this could cause COVID-19 to be the single greatest cause of death on a daily basis at that point, potentially larger than cancer and heart disease.

Hamilton hospitals are over capacity with ICU admissions, and two of their hospitals are experiencing COVID-19 outbreaks.

Surgeries and other procedures may be delayed or cancelled, creating a backlog that could last for months or years. As hospitals fill up, patients are being rerouted to the surrounding COVID-19 units, creating a scenario where a healthcare system could potentially collapse.

If the spread of COVID-19 is not controlled, models show Ontario could see up to 20,000 new cases each day by mid-February in the worst case scenario.

To combat this in the United States, hospitals in several states such as Massachusetts, California, Nevada and Minnesota have implemented field hospitals, who have recruited nurses from other states, and are having to bring in the National Guard for support. In our region, Burlington, Ontario has the nearest field hospital which is in operation trying to address the healthcare strain.

Each Six Nations member has the power to help our healthcare workers in a community-wide effort to alleviate the healthcare system, by doing our part to slow the spread of COVID-19 before critical capacities are reached. Staying home has the potential to reduce risks of needing hospital health care.

To book a COVID-19 test visit www.sixnationscovid19.ca or call 1-855-977-7737 or locally at 226-446-9909.
Six Nations Working with Xplornet and ROGERS to Bring the Entire Community Internet Coverage

January 28, 2021 – The Six Nations Connectivity/Broadband Task Force Mandate is to design a (multi-phase) digital community network that serves the needs of, and brings benefit to, Six Nations of the Grand River. Our guiding principles, collectively, ensure no home or business will lack the opportunity to subscribe to reliable affordable internet services.

With the onset of COVID the existing infrastructure and technology within our community has been severely stressed and is no longer capable of supporting this increased demand. This is why the project to construct new towers was commissioned and is also being supported by fibre-to-the-home installations going forward.

We are pleased to pass along the announcement that SWIFT funding supports Xplornet’s plan to expand fibre optic services to cover a portion of the community.

Next, we are applying to the Universal Broadband Fund with our technical lead partner Rogers Communications Canada Inc. If successful, this project will provide fibre optic connectivity service to all households and businesses.

Some key milestone dates:

1) The Internet Tower project is scheduled to be completed in early Spring of 2021
2) The now funded SWIFT/Xplornet fibre project will be completed by mid-2022
3) The UBF application due date is February 15, 2021. If successful, this will mean the entire community will receive high speed service by fiscal 2023

58th Elected Council Offer Condolences to Elected Chief Mark Hill and Family at This Difficult Time

January 19, 2021 – The Elected Council extends its sincere condolences to its Elected Chief, and to the entire Hill family at the loss of Mr. Kenneth R. Hill.

Mr. Hill is well known for his partnership in Grand River Enterprises.

Always maintaining Six Nations as his home, Mr. Hill built portions of his industry at the very same corner where he grew up and lived, his ventures also gave back in the form of education and employment opportunities, through the local Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation.

The Elected Council recognizes Mr. Hill as a former Elected Councillor in the 45th, 46th, and 47th terms.

The 58th Council stated, “Our thoughts and prayers are with Chief Hill and his family while they try to deal with their devastating loss. We will support the Elected Chief any way we can during this difficult time.”

The Elected Council respects the wishes of the Chief and his family during this difficult time, and ask that their privacy be respected so they can mourn their loss.

More information will be shared when the time is right to do so.
Six Nations Mourns Loss of Second Community Death Due to COVID-19

February 2, 2021 – Six Nations received notice over the weekend from Ohsweken Public Health of a second community member that has passed away in relation to COVID-19.

Heartfelt condolences, thoughts, and prayers are sent to the families at this time as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

Please know we acknowledge the community’s fatigue from COVID-19, but we must remain diligent in our response for our Elders and most vulnerable. We must continue to consider their health whenever deciding to leave the safety of our homes.

COVID-19 transmission is at an alarmingly high rate. It is very easy to spread unknowingly, as a person may be asymptomatic while still being infected with the virus.

There are currently 10 active cases in the community, increasing Six Nations total positive cases since the onset of this pandemic up to 153 cases and since then 141 cases have been resolved.

The Elected Council are sending their thoughts, prayers and good medicine to those families affected by the recent loss related to COVID-19 and to those members currently battling COVID-19.

Thank you to all of those who continue to practice the safety precautions and are working hard to protect our people. Your efforts are proving effective in slowing the virus from spreading within our community. We need ALL community members to take a stance and help prevent any further spread of the virus, such as constant hand washing, cleaning of commonly touched surfaces, staying home as much as possible to avoid community transmission, or staying 6 feet apart from those members not from your immediate household and wearing your mask when around others that do not live in your household.

Members wanting to book a test, which is free and highly encouraged at this time can do so online by following 5 simple steps at www.sixnationscovid19.ca or if members cannot access the online booking tool may call at 1-855-977-7737 or 226-446-9909.

Increasing Concern over Cross-Border Travel and Disregard of Self-Isolation Orders

February 3, 2021 – The Six Nations Police Service (SNPS) is noting a consistent rate of community members travelling across the border.

SNPS receives a list of these travelers from the Canada Border Services Agency and then conducts checks on those travelers to ensure that they are abiding by the 14-day
Increasing Concern over Cross-Border Travel and Disregard of Self-Isolation Orders

A 14-day quarantine is required for community members that have travelled out-of-province, whereas self-isolation is a directive that comes from Ohsweken Public Health and is ordered when a member has either come into close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19, or they themselves are a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Both of these isolation measures are the most effective tools to ensure that COVID-19 does not continue to spread within the community and across the province, and if followed more closely, will bring us back to normal that much sooner and allow us to once again gather safely with family and friends.

However, these guidelines will only be effective if each member of our community commits to following them, including orders to quarantine or self-isolate.

“Each community member must do their part by following the health and safety measures that protect against COVID-19. It needs to be stressed to the community that they should only be travelling for essential purposes,” said Lori Davis Hill, Director of Health Services.

Two Non-Resident Cases of COVID-19 Confirmed at the Iroquois Lodge

February 4, 2021 – Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council received notice today from Ohsweken Public Health that two non-resident individuals of Iroquois Lodge have tested positive for COVID-19.

The two positive results were discovered earlier today as a result of the Lodge’s surveillance testing safeguard measure that has been in place since the onset of this pandemic last year.
Two Non-Resident Cases of COVID-19 Confirmed at the Iroquois Lodge

Iroquois Lodge residents remain holding strong with no residents having tested positive for COVID-19 since day one!
The Six Nation community can be assured that the Lodge team have implemented a series of precautionary measures as a result of these two new positive cases.

Last year, at the beginning of the COVID pandemic, continuous surveillance testing was implemented for all staff, caregivers, and contractors frequent the Lodge. Surveillance testing is a protective measure that follows strict Ministry standards. This safeguard measure tests non-residents for COVID-19 continuously on a weekly basis.

It was through this safeguard measure that allowed the Lodge to receive prompt notification of those individuals having tested positive, and before those individuals would return to the facility for work. They have since been directed by public health to self-isolate, and will not return to work until a negative test is received and the 14-day isolation period is complete.

This proves that surveillance testing is a very useful tool, as it is done continuously with reports submitted directly to the Ministry of Long Term Care. It requires all non-residents frequenting the Lodge for work or caregiving purposes must have a negative test result within the last 7 days.

Lori Davis Hill, Director of Health Services stated “Both individuals were reported asymptomatic at the time of testing, which is a stark reminder to the community that testing is an important tool for containing further spread. I am thankful for the Lodge’s continual surveillance testing. We acted quickly to protect the residents and the team working at the Lodge.”

As another precautionary measure for everyone at Iroquois Lodge, all residents, and non-residents are undergoing retesting today by Six Nations Paramedic Services. In addition to this testing, residents are placed in temporary isolation within their rooms until further direction is received from public health.

Also please note that visiting protocols will change, and designated caregivers will be contacted by Iroquois Lodge staff.

Six Nations is urging the community to continue to follow health and safety guidelines to prevent any further spread of COVID-19 within the territory. This includes staying home as much as possible, practicing social distancing, wearing a mask, frequent hand washing, and avoiding large gatherings.

It is also strongly encouraged that community members get tested for COVID-19 if they are experiencing symptoms or think they may have been exposed to the virus. It is possible to contract the virus and not have any symptoms while still being contagious.

To book a COVID-19 test at the assessment center, please visit www.sixnationscovid19.ca or call 1-855-977-7737 or locally at 226-446-9909.

We must all remain diligent and do our part to slow the spread of this virus. Members are reminded to draw on the strength of our ancestors and our traditional medicines to continue this fight. We must all work together to protect one another, especially our Elders, knowledge keepers, and the most vulnerable within the community.

Six Nations Elected Council continues to send their thoughts and good medicine to our healthcare workers and those impacted by COVID-19 and their families.
Surveillance Testing Useful Defense from COVID-19 As Iroquois Lodge Discontinued Outbreak Precautions

February 11, 2021 – Monday February 8, 2021 Iroquois Lodge was advised the facility could discontinue “outbreak precautions”.

“Outbreak precautions” were implemented when surveillance testing reported two positive COVID-19 tests for non-residents last Thursday February 4.

Non-residents include staff, contractors and caregivers working at the Lodge.

These precautions included placing all residents in their rooms under contact and droplet precautions. The residents ate their meals and received personal care in their rooms. PPE was worn when providing care to residents as an added layer of protection against potential transmission. As a precautionary measure, all residents and staff were retested. All of these tests came back negative.

On February 7, 2021 the Director of Health Services was advised by Public Health that the two previous, non-resident lab confirmed cases, were lab confirmed as negative.

As further precautions Iroquois Lodge will maintain the single designated caregiver while the active cases in the community remain high.

Both residents and all of the staff are very happy to discontinue outbreak precautions. Surveillance testing proves to be an extremely useful tool to protect our people against COVID-19. I also want to say Nya:weh thank you to the staff for how well they responded to this possible outbreak. The staff really came together to keep each other and the residents safe, I am so proud of them!

Said Lori Davis Hill, Director of Health Services.

Continue to follow the Core Health Principles:

- Travel for essential purposes only
- Wearing a mask/face covering
- Stay home if you feel sick and call the Six Nations COVID-19 Info. & Assessment Centre at 1 (855) 977-7737 or (226) 446-9909
- Clean/disinfect your house and workplace constantly AND wash your hands
Department

UPDATES
Department Information:
CENTRAL ADMIN/EDUCATION

SIX NATIONS
OF THE
GRAND RIVER
The Six Nations Lifelong Learning Taskforce (LLTF) is looking for Community Members!
To participate in their online engagement, please visit their website: www.snlifelonglearning.ca or call (519) 761-7085 to get involved today!

Stay Connected & Win Prizes
Like or follow Lifelong Learning Taskforce on Facebook: @SIXNATIONSLIFELONGLEARNING! Scheduled weekly Facebook posts include Whiteboard Wednesday & Fun Fact Friday! Watch for randomly announced contests and campaigns including: Back to School Contest, Like to Win Contest, Teacher Tuesday & Alumni Accomplishments!

Fall 2020 - Spring 2021
Prizes and giveaways!
Sign up at sixnations.ethelo.net to engage and receive a $25 gift certificate. You could win 1 of 5 iPads or 1 of 5 laptops for participating in 50% or more of the engagement!
Department Information:
COMMUNICATIONS
Noi:oi from the Director of Policy, Communications and Records

I hope everyone had a very restful and safe holiday. We are back at work and looking forward to a happy and safe new year. Our Department continues to provide support for all of our Six Nations Administrative Departments and well as Chief and Council.

I want to thank the great team members I have that make up our department: Jody Hill (Webmaster), Candace Lee Lickers (Communications Officer), Courtney Watts (Graphic Designer/ Illustrator), our latest edition to the team Katie Montour (Communications Assistant), Cheryl Davis (Records Manager), and Cathy Smith (Records Clerk).

Our work in Policy review, support and development continues, and I have completed my work plan for 2021 which looks to be a very busy year ahead. It’s also that time of year to look at developing our yearly budgets, we will take time and care in its development.

Communications is always busy and handles the pressures of deadlines with great professionalism which is supported by our Webmaster and Graphic Designer/ Illustrator.

Records continue to store and manage all Six Nations documentation and do a terrific job when it comes to storing and locating historical information for Council and Administration as well as for community members.

Finally, on behalf of my team, we ask that you all stay strong and reach out to our many community supports if you need help in these unprecedented times. I, myself, will continue to be grateful for all that our Mother Earth and Creator provide.

Nya:weh,

Duane Jacobs
Department Information:
PUBLIC WORKS
New Water Line on Tuscarora

A new water line is being installed on Tuscarora Road. The new water line will be fully installed and operational by the end of February 2021!

Bridge Number 7 Closed (March-August 2021)

The bridge located on Chiefswood Road (between 3rd and 4th Line), otherwise known as Bridge No. 7, will be closed for replacement. The duration of this project is expected to last from mid-March through to the end of August 2021.

Stay Safe This Winter

The Public Works department would like to remind the residents of our community the importance of safe driving habits during the winter months. The following are a few tips to help keep our community safe this winter:

- Do your best to not follow snow plows
- Do not push the snow on your driveway onto or across the road
- Always exercise safe driving in inclement weather, especially when the roads are slick/slippery

Questions?

Further questions or concerns may be forwarded to the Director of Public Works, Michael R. Montour. He can be reached at: (519) 445-4242, ext. 5623
Community Notices
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

January 7, 2021

Dear Staff, Parents and Families,

To support and in keeping with the lockdown efforts in place in the province of Ontario, Six Nations Elementary Schools will not be open to staff until January 25, 2021.

Please note that staff will continue to teach remotely and will continue to work from home for the week of January 11-15 and then mid-winter will commence as planned for the week of January 18-22.

Paper packages will be discontinued as they cannot be provided at this time.

This continues to be a challenging time, as there are so many unknowns for all of us. I want to sincerely thank you for your continued partnership as we work to find solutions to support the education of students and the wellness of students, staff, and the community.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Manderville
Director of Federal Schools
Indigenous Services Canada
January 2021

Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Program Update

The latest news on NIHB policies and benefit coverage for First Nations and Inuit clients

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Pharmacy benefit information

New coverage for Shingrix

• As of January 11, 2021, the Shingrix vaccine is covered by NIHB as a limited use benefit.
• Shingrix is a vaccine to prevent shingles, which causes a painful rash and can be severe in some people.
• Shingles is caused by the re-activation of the virus that causes chickenpox. The risk of shingles is higher in seniors and in people with weaker immune systems.
• The vaccine is given in two doses, 2 to 6 months apart.
• Prior approval is not required for clients between 65 and 70 years of age.
• Shingrix is also included on the Formulary for Adjunct Medications Used During Active Cancer Treatment.
• Clients that have received approval for any medication on this formulary will be automatically approved for Shingrix.
For clients who have other serious health conditions that weaken their immune system, NIHB will consider coverage on an exception basis.

If your doctor prescribes the Shingrix vaccine for you, you'll need to get it from the pharmacy. Pharmacists should call the NIHB DEC to request prior approval (if required).

In most provinces and territories, the Shingrix vaccine can often be administered in pharmacies and pharmacists can bill NIHB for an injection fee. Contact your pharmacy first to confirm that they have it in stock and if they can administer the injection.

If you are unable to have the vaccine administered at a pharmacy, ask your health care provider about other options.

To maximize the protection offered by Shingrix, it is important that you get both doses. When you get your first dose, ask your doctor or pharmacist to schedule your next dose.

Other new pharmacy benefit listings

- Mezera 1 gram rectal foam (mesalazine) is available as an open benefit (prior approval not required). This medication is used for treatment of inflammatory bowel disease.
- Ziextenzo (pegfilgrastim) 10mg/mL injection is listed as an open benefit. This medication is used to prevent infection in clients receiving certain types of cancer treatment.
- Fast-acting dextrose products, Dex-4 Glucose Liquiblast and Dex-4 Glucose Gel are now available as open benefits, in addition to BD Glucose and Dex-4 Glucose tablets. These products are used to quickly raise blood sugar levels for diabetic clients.
- Prevymic (ileumovir) vials and tablets are limited-use benefits (prior approval required) for the prevention of cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection in adult clients who have received bone marrow transplants.
- Riximyo (rituximab) 10 mg/mL injection is a limited-use benefit for treatment of severe rheumatoid arthritis.

Reminder: non-prescription products recommended by pharmacists

- Under the NIHB pharmacy prescriber policy, pharmacists and other health professionals can recommend non-prescription drugs and health products that are eligible for coverage as NIHB pharmacy benefits and listed on the NIHB drug benefit list.
- Previously, NIHB had a list of selected list of non-prescription items that could be recommended by a pharmacist. That list is no longer in effect, and is replaced by this new policy.
- This means you don't need a prescription from a doctor for coverage of non-prescription items on the NIHB drug benefit list.
- Here are just a few examples of products that can be recommended by pharmacists for NIHB coverage:
  - smoking cessation products
• vitamins
  • non-medicated emollient creams (Glyxal Base and similar products) for the treatment of eczema (prior approval required)

• Check the NIHB drug benefit list at nihb.express-scripts.ca to find eligible pharmacy benefits covered by NIHB, as well as any criteria for coverage.

Medical supplies and equipment (MS&E) information

Augmentative and alternative communication benefits

• Augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) benefits are now listed as MS&E benefits.
• These devices and supplies are used to supplement or replace natural speech when clients have a significant speech impairment.
• AAC benefits covered by NIHB include:
  • Quick messaging devices
  • Speech-generating devices (SGD)
  • Communication display boards and software
  • Integrated and complex systems
  • Software
  • Switches and mounting systems
  • Accessories
• Find more information in the communication benefits list (available at canada.ca/nihb-medical-supplies-equipment).

Non-implantable bone conduction hearing systems

• Non-implantable bone conduction hearing systems are now a limited use benefit.
• These products may be used by clients with conductive hearing loss that isn’t helped by regular hearing aids.
• Find more information in the audiology benefits list (available at canada.ca/nihb-medical-supplies-equipment).

Reimbursement for gloves

• NIHB covers latex and vinyl gloves as open benefits, up to 12 boxes per year.
• Providers can bill NIHB, or NIHB will reimburse clients up to $13.75 for one box of 100 gloves in all provinces, and $15.80 in the Territories.
• Gloves are covered with a prescription from a physician or a nurse practitioner, or a written recommendation from a registered nurse.
Find more information in the medical surgical supplies and equipment benefit list (available at canada.ca/nihb-medical-supplies-equipment).

Vision care benefit information

Temporary coverage of shipping during COVID-19

- As a temporary measure, vision care providers can bill NIHB for the cost of shipping eligible eyewear to clients who are unable or prefer not to visit the retail location.
- Let your eyewear provider know if you’d like the item shipped to you so they can include the shipping cost in the prior approval request to NIHB.

General program information

NIHB clients in British Columbia

- In BC, the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) provides health benefit coverage for First Nations people who are BC residents (https://www.fnha.ca/benefits/eligibility).
- The NIHB Program continues to provide coverage and services for Inuit in BC, as well as First Nations who are not BC residents.
- If you are an NIHB client in BC and need help finding a benefit provider, please call NIHB at 1-800-232-7301 for assistance.
- Many providers in BC are enrolled with NIHB to provide benefits and bill the program directly, however they may not see many NIHB clients.
- NIHB recommends that you contact the provider's office before you visit to let them know that you are an NIHB (not FNHA) client, and confirm that they can bill NIHB directly for eligible products and services provided to you.

NIHB client inquiries

Email: sac.nihb-ssna.isc@canada.ca

Alberta
1-800-232-7301
Medical Transportation: 1-800-514-7106

Atlantic
1-800-565-3294
Email: sac.nihb-atlnihb.isc@canada.ca

British Columbia
NIHB clients
(Not resident First Nations)
1-800-232-7301
First Nations Health Authority (FNHA)  
(First Nations BC residents)  
1-855-550-5454

Manitoba  
1-800-665-8507  
Medical Transportation: 1-877-963-0911

Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Yukon  
1-888-332-9222

Ontario  
1-800-640-0642

Quebec  
1-514-283-1575  
1-877-483-1575  
Mental Health Counselling: 1-877-583-2965

Saskatchewan  
1-866-885-3933  
Email: sac.sasknihb.inquiries.isc@canada.ca

Pharmacy benefits
NIHB Drug Exception Centre  
1-800-580-0950

Dental and orthodontic services
NIHB Dental Predetermination Centre  
1-855-618-6291 (Dental Services)  
1-866-227-0943 (Orthodontic Services)

Express Scripts Canada
NIHB Client Call Centre  
1-888-441-4777

For assistance with services provided by Express Scripts Canada, including NIHB client web accounts and submission of client reimbursement requests for pharmacy, dental, MS&E, vision care and mental health counselling benefits.
In effect until Thursday, April 1, 2021:

Watershed Conditions Statement
Water Safety

Issued: January 12, 2021 4:30 pm
Issued by: Dwight Boyd, Director of Engineering

The Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) and municipal emergency response agencies throughout the watershed are concerned about the increased public use of frozen natural water bodies for on-ice activities such as skating and ice fishing this winter.

The public is being reminded that accessing frozen water bodies for recreational activities is not permitted and may be considered trespassing.

While colder temperatures allow for some ice formation, most natural water bodies throughout the Grand River watershed are not monitored for the purpose of winter recreation and may not be safe. Ice conditions are susceptible to daily changes in temperature, wind, precipitation and underwater currents. Accessing frozen natural water bodies puts both the public and municipal first responders at risk. Anyone who falls through the ice could experience hypothermia and death within minutes.

Banks adjacent to rivers and creeks are very slippery and, when combined with cold, fast-moving water, pose a serious hazard. With schools closed and many families home, parents are encouraged to remind their children of the risks associated with these hazards and keep pets away from all water bodies.

Select Grand River Parks, including Belwood Lake, Guelph Lake, Pinehurst Lake and Shade’s Mills are monitoring ice conditions and may offer ice fishing if conditions permit. Information on these locations can be found at www.grandriver.ca/winterprograms. GRCA conservation areas and natural areas are subject to provincial guidelines, and operations may change with little notice.

This message will remain in effect until Thursday, April 1, 2021 and will be updated if necessary.

For further information refer to GRCA’s website at www.grandriver.ca.
For current river flow refer to the “River Data” section.
For a “River Safety Rules” brochure, refer to the “Learn & Get Involved/ River Safety” section.

Keep yourself and our first responders safe! Please do not access frozen natural water bodies as most are not monitored throughout the Grand River watershed.
TO: Mobile Cancer Screening Coach Client and Partners

FROM: Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Regional Cancer Program

RE: Temporary Closure HNHB Mobile Cancer Screening Coach Extended

Dear Clients and Partners,

The Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Mobile Cancer Screening Coach will continue to be temporarily closed until at least February 16th, 2021 in response to the recently announced extension of the stay-at-home order.

We will provide an updated regarding our service resumption plan on February 16th based on the advice of our local partners, a review of the local COVID-19 incidence and prevalence rates and the shutdown status of communities within our region. Throughout this time, our coach staff are continuing to be available to answer any questions and assist with connecting to other screening options in the community. Clients are encouraged to please call 905-975-4467 if they have any questions or concerns. Additionally, for more information on other available cancer screening resources in the community, you can visit our website: https://hnhbscreenforlife.ca/covid-19/patients/. You can also like and follow our Regional Cancer Screening Program (@screenforlifecoach) on Facebook for the most up-to-date information.

We greatly appreciate your continued support and hope to be back in the community soon. Please do not hesitate to contact Riley Crotta, Manager, Regional Cancer Programs at rcrotta@hamilton.ca or 905-521-2100 ext. 63007 should you have any questions or concerns.
Response Nurses Needed!

We encourage you to join our team as COVID-19 Response Nurses are needed in our community!

For inquiries, please call:
(519) 445-2223, ext. 4343
or email:
staffhr@sixnations.ca

You can also visit the sixnations.ca or greatsn.com websites to apply/
obtain a full job description

Seeking Health Records for the Day School Settlement Application?

Your request can be mailed to the following:

Indigenous Services Canada
Access to Information and Privacy
Les Terrasses de la Chaudière
10 Wellington Street, Room 18A
Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0H4

Contact Information:
Telephone: (819) 953-3947
Facsimile: (819) 953-5492
Email: aadnc.aiiprdemande-atprequest.aandc@canada.ca

You may also submit your request online at the following website:
Re-opening Plan

Six Nations
Federal Schools

2020-2021 School Year

To view the full Re-Opening Plan document, please visit the following websites:
www.sixnationscovid19.ca or www.sixnationsschools.ca
COVID-19:
INFORMATION
Six Nations COVID-19 Assessment Centre Announcements

Online Appointment Bookings for Tests Now Available

Please visit: www.sixnationscovid19.ca and follow the easy 5 step process to put COVID-19 testing at your fingertips.

Appointment Required for Testing

New Drive Thru Entrance

Coming to the Assessment Centre for a Test?

The Assessment Centre Entrance near the Gaylord Palace Arena and Horse track is no longer in use for COVID-19 testing. Six Nations Community Members can access testing by using the new entrance at Lawrence Jonathan Lane.

Unable to Access the New Online Booking Feature?

Members are asked to continue calling the assessment centre at 1-855-977-7737 or 226-446-9909.
WARNING

If you encounter private firms/individuals offering COVID-19 Vaccines for Sale

DO NOT BUY
IT’S ILLEGAL

We all want this pandemic to end as quickly as possible and those offering these vaccines offer nothing but false hope. Protect yourself, do not give any personal information, personal financial information or provide any type of currency. Report these vaccine sales to Linsey.Hollet@canada.ca
**COVID-19 INFORMATION: Ontario Hospitals Over Capacity**

As projected by new modelling, deaths will exceed those seen in the first wave of the pandemic, before the vaccine has time to take effect.

1,674 COVID-19 patients in hospitals, including 385 being treated in intensive care.

400 ICU beds in Ontario with about 1/4 of hospitals having no ICU capacity left. Another 1/4 have only 1 or 2 beds available at any given time.

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**Ontario Hospitals are Over Capacity**

- **RIP**
  - There could be more than 1,000 COVID-19 patients in the ICU by February. Total admissions have climbed to 72.2% in the last four weeks.

- **Epidemiologist**
  - Dr. Brown noted this could cause COVID-19 to be the single greatest cause of mortality on a daily basis.

- **Without significant reductions in contacts, the healthcare system is at risk of collapsing.**

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**Surgeries and other procedures to be delayed or cancelled**, creating a backlog that could last for months/years.

- **There will be choices about who will get care they need and who will not.**

- **Health care service providers and emergency staff personnel will become over exhausted and suffer from burnout.**

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**Ontario Hospitals are Over Capacity**

- **If spread is not controlled, models show Ontario could see up to 20,000 new cases each day by mid-February.**

- **Hospitals having to prioritize access to ICU, deciding which patients should get treated first, who should & shouldn’t get a ventilator.**

- **Implementation of field hospitals and temporary morgues.**

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Please reference page 15 of this newsletter for further information concerning the Ontario hospitals reaching and exceeding capacity.

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Please reference page 15 of this newsletter for further information concerning the potential impacts of Ontario hospitals exceeding capacity.

Running a business during the pandemic is extremely stressful due to uncertainty, guidelines shifting, and increased risk having contact with the public.

Six Nations Health Services is providing virtual education and support sessions open to all business owners in the community.

These sessions are specifically designed to support small business owners. We will provide education on how to keep yourself and the community safe, strategies for de-escalation of hostile situations and coping with stress in the workplace.

Tues Feb 9, 2-3pm
Tues Feb 23, 6-7pm
Thurs Feb 25, 11-12pm

If you would like to register, please follow the link below. If none of the options work for you, fill out the registration form anyway and indicate what time of day works best so we can try to offer another session.

Register Here:
https://forms.gle/Q35gamPMavnEru1b8

For questions, please contact the Six Nations Community Educators @ 519-750-4908
WARNING

If you encounter Private Firms/Individuals trying to sell Covid-19 Vaccination Cards

DO NOT BUY
IT’S ILLEGAL

These Vaccine Card Sales do nothing but jeopardize the Health and Safety of everyone, and in no way are publicly endorsed by any level of government. If you see these sales being offered CALL THE POLICE.
Six Nations COVID-19 Update

This graphic is a snapshot of the cases at the time of the last update (February 12, 2021 at 1:00 pm). Information source: https://www.sixnationscovid19.ca

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**TOTAL**

| Total Cases | 227 |
| Total Resolved | 167 |
| Total Deaths | 2   |

Staying Updated

The following graphics and corresponding colours will be utilized throughout Six Nations of the Grand River media platforms to keep the community informed as to which Alert Level is currently in effect.

Look for Updates in the Following Locations:

- **Newspapers:** Two Row Times - or - Turtle Island News
- **Facebook:** @Six.Nations.Grand.River - or - @SNCOVID
- **Twitter:** @SixNationsGR - or - @SNCOVID19
- **SNGREC Website:** www.sixnations.ca
- **SN COVID-19 Website:** www.sixnationscovid19.ca
Current Alert Level Status

The current Alert Level Status is **BLACK**. This is determined using the *Six Nations Pandemic Response Framework*. Below is a snapshot of the document, a chart that captures the details of each Alert Level. The document outlines the expectations of our community members during each Alert Level Status (green, yellow, orange, red and black.) Reference the full document for further details by visiting the [sixnationscovid19.ca](http://sixnationscovid19.ca) website.

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<td>Community transmission widespread</td>
<td>Transmission is uncontrolled</td>
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<td>Health and Emergency Response Capacity</td>
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<td>Some concerns about capacity</td>
<td>Approaching capacity</td>
<td>At critical levels</td>
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<td>Stay Local</td>
<td>Stay home</td>
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Further Breakdown of the February 12, 2021 Six Nations COVID-19 Update

These graphics are snapshots of the information at the time of the last update (February 12, 2021 at 1:00 pm). Information source: https://www.sixnationscovid19.ca

How many cases have we had in the last 7 days?

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<td>12/02/2021</td>
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<td><strong>Total (Last 7 days)</strong></td>
<td><strong>17</strong></td>
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How many people have become infected with COVID-19 in total?

Weekly Cases Per 100,000 in the last 7 days

cases per 100,000 are used to take into account population size to allow us to compare different populations.

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<th>Six Nations cases per 100,000</th>
<th>Brantford cases per 100,000</th>
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<th>Hamilton cases per 100,000</th>
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<td>411</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>84</td>
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COVID-19 Testing Data

This page is a snapshot of the data collected at the time of the last update (February 9, 2021). Information source: https://www.sixnationscovid19.ca

- In the last 7 days, how many calls has the assessment centre received? 75
- In the last 7 days, how many people are reporting symptoms? 26
- In the last 7 days on average how many days are people waiting for a test? 1.10
- In the last 7 days, how many tests have been completed? 107

**Why are we tracking number of symptomatic reports?**

We are watching for increases in symptomatic reports as this means viruses are spreading in the community. This does not mean COVID-19 is spreading but it could give us an indication of an early sign of potential outbreaks.
Who is Getting Sick from COVID-19?

Demographics of Six Nations Band Members on and off-reserve living in Ontario with a valid health card. Information source: https://www.sixnationscovid19.ca

Information current as of: February 2, 2021
Continue to follow the Core Health Principles:

Information Specific to Alert Level Black:

Sector-Specific Measures under the Kahòn:tsi (Black) Alert Level of Six Nations COVID-19 Response Framework

Risk Level: Very High
Virus Spread & Containment:
Transmission is uncontrolled
Health & Emergency Response Capacity:
Above critical levels
Level of Measures/ Restrictions in Place:
Maximum - Essential activities only
Private Gatherings (with Masks & Physical Distancing): 0
Private Gatherings (without Masks & Physical Distancing):
Only with those who live in immediate household
Monitored Gatherings: 0
Elementary Schools & Daycares:
Closed - online learning only
Travel: Stay home

For further details, please visit: http://www.sixnations.ca/SNCOVID19ResponseFramework/
OR https://www.sixnationscovid19.ca/covid-pandemic-response-framework
AGENDA*

KICKOFF: HUMOUR AS MEDICINE
Special Guest: Stan Wesley kicks off the Wellness Series with a light-hearted program outlining his personal experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic.
10 Wellness Box Prizes to be won**

TRADITIONAL CEREMONIES AS MEDICINE
Special Guest: Tom Porter shares why our ceremonies are important for our wellness & how they came to be!
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MUSIC AS MEDICINE
Special Guest: Big Joe “takes the stage” to share the healing powers of music as well as his experience with wellness!
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STAY TUNED AS 4 MORE SPEAKERS ARE INTRODUCED TO THE LINEUP!

* Agenda times, people & date are subject to change due to availability
** Contents vary week to week. Eligibility restricted to registered participants. To register, send contact information to: smcoes@sixnations.ca prior to the event. Winners will be contacted on the following day.