Increased Security Measures for Six Nations Territory – Resulting from Large Gathering on Saturday Night

As a result of last night’s large house party, the Six Nations Emergency Control Group (ECG) has called for increased security measures to further limit access to the Territory. The decision to increase security measures at all access points occurred after an outpouring of calls from concerned community members about Saturday night’s incident. Community members are concerned about the increased threat of COVID-19, due to people’s direct disobedience of Public Health’s direction to physical distance and isolate during this global pandemic.

Reports were received of at least 25 cars attending a single residence during the late hours of Saturday evening and early Sunday morning. Six Nations Police is aware of the matter and will be following up regarding the situation.

The COVID-19 virus has the potential to spread when there are more than 5 people gathered at one location. We are still in the first phase of this pandemic, and the number of confirmed cases are expected to increase across the province of Ontario. We cannot become complacent simply because our numbers are lower than surrounding communities.

The 9 confirmed cases are not an accurate reflection of Six Nations COVID-19 cases, but a reflection of only those 200 plus community members who have been tested. We need to understand that anyone who is experiencing symptoms should be tested, so that an accurate picture of COVID-19 can be uncovered, understood and investigated. Many Six Nations members do not reside within the Territory, yet have been impacted by this disease. These people are not counted in Six Nations statistics due to their residency but the impact on First Nations people needs to be understood.

It is important for the community to understand that a person can pass COVID-19 to another person for 2 days before they even have symptoms. This means that a person can carry the virus without showing symptoms and pass this virus to vulnerable people in our community; our Elders, knowledge keepers, infants and those with chronic medical conditions. These vulnerable people may suffer a much more serious form of this disease.

The Six Nations Emergency Control Groups urges the community to be leaders within your own homes by committing to physical distancing, and to call the Six Nations Information and Assessment Centre toll free at 1-855-977-7737 or 226-446-9909 if you are exhibiting any symptoms. Staff are ready and waiting for your call.

The Emergency Control Group strongly encourages the community to call the local authorities immediately if you notice unsafe or unlawful behaviour. Call 911 the person on the other line is here to help you. The Six Nations Police Department will be following-up with last night’s situation and releasing a press release addressing this matter.

Public Health Officials are reminding everyone in our community to:
➢ Take every measure to stay at home, especially if you feel ill;
➢ Practice physical distancing if you must go out in public, including wearing a mask;
➢ Keep your bodies and surroundings clean and disinfected, especially your hands by washing them often and for at least 20 seconds;
➢ Sneeze and cough into your sleeve, elbow or tissue; throw the tissue in a lined waste paper basket and wash your hands.
➢ Monitor yourself for symptoms that include a new or worse cough, fever, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, nasal congestion or a hoarse voice and report any signs immediately to the Six Nations COVID-19 Information and Assessment Centre at 1-855-977-7737 or 226-446-9909

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Those requiring urgent medical attention should call 911.

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