Six Nations Health Services Encourages Testing after Two New Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

Two new positive COVID-19 cases have been confirmed in the Six Nations Territory.

Public health officials are echoing the importance of community members to keep practicing social distancing and getting tested for the virus in the wake of the news.

“The curve was flattening and now we are having what we all hope is a very small blip,” says Six Nations Health Services Director Lori Davis Hill. “But the height of that blip will be decided by our actions in the coming days.”

She is reminding the public that the 11 confirmed cases to date is likely not an accurate snapshot of what the reality may be for Six Nations.

“That number only comes from the 282 community members who have been tested. We need the community 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,” says Davis Hill.

Public Health Officials have completed the contact tracing. Anyone contacted by Public Health would be asked to self-isolate for 14 days, monitor themselves for symptoms and report symptoms promptly so that testing can be completed.

Anybody noticing any symptoms of COVID-19 – a new or worse cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose/nasal congestion, sore throat/difficulty swallowing, bodyaches or a hoarse voice - is asked to contact the Six Nations COVID-19 Information and Assessment Centre toll free at 1-855-977-7737 or 226-446-9909.

Public Health Officials are reminding 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;
- 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.

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