USA Thanksgiving and Black Friday Events Strongly Discouraged due to Rise in Cases

We recognize that many Six Nations community members have extended families across the border.

At this time of year, many would be planning to attend USA Thanksgiving celebrations and Black Friday shopping, but this year we must do things differently or we risk more COVID-19 cases in our community.

It is strongly discouraged for any community member to travel across the Canada/USA borders due to the rise in COVID-19 cases in the USA and Ontario.

“At this point we as a community, are all responsible for the COVID case outcome of this holiday. If cases rise over the next two weeks it will be obvious why,” Director of Health Services Lori Davis Hill said, “I plead with the community to please only gather with those in your household, and try other virtual means to stay in touch with family.”

There are many ways to visit and stay connected virtually. Perhaps take the time to teach and or learn a new way of connecting with your family; such as Zoom, FaceTime etc.

For Christmas shopping deals; try on-line ordering, curb-side pick-up, or shopping locally to support our businesses in the community.

Regardless, the Six Nations community is urged to continue to follow the core health principles to keep not only yourself safe and healthy, but our Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Aunties, Uncles, Grandparents, those most vulnerable and your entire community.

The core health principles include constant hand washing and proper hand hygiene, reporting symptoms and getting tested, staying home as much as possible to avoid non-essential travel, constantly cleaning high touch surfaces at home, in the workplace and at schools, and wearing a face covering when with people outside of your household.

“We all must continue to do our part to adapt to the new COVID-norm and ensure Project: Protect Our People is fulfilled to the end of this pandemic.” Said Elected Chief Mark Hill.

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