Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council Moving to the Second Phase of Reopening

On June 15, 2020, Six Nations of the Grand River is entering the second phase of its reopening. In this stage, border checkpoints have been removed; non-residents will be allowed to enter the SNGR Territory, based on the health and safety guidelines established for this phase. The checkpoints were removed at midnight on June 15, 2020 to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone. The Guidelines include gatherings of groups of 10 or less, wearing a mask and physical distancing. The following non-essential businesses will be permitted to reopen:

- Health and medical services that have been closed such as optometrists, and dentists. Their openings will have to align with the rules of their respective professional associations or colleges’ guidelines;
- Personal care businesses such as hair and nail salons, tattoo services, day spas, etc.;
- Retail Operations, including tobacco shops and arts and crafts stores;
- Office based businesses;
- Wholesale and warehousing operations;
- Libraries, Museums, Art Galleries;
- Rideshare/Taxis;
- Chiefswood Park, and other parks (Note: use of playground equipment remains prohibited during stage 2);
- Sports Fields for groups of 10 or less (i.e. softball diamonds, soccer fields and running tracks) other than those located in the vicinity of the Community Hall; and
- Horse barns.

Chief and Council moved to stage 2 including the decommissioning of the check points with the support and recommendation of the Emergency Control Group in collaboration with our health professionals. As a community, we have to start balancing the health and safety with sustaining our livelihoods as a whole. Through these new measures, we are creating a situation where all families can prepare for the fall and winter, should a second wave hit us.

As the province of Ontario and surrounding jurisdictions continue to reduce the restrictions, Elected Council will monitor their success. The Province has opened up these same businesses last Friday and most towns have moved to phase 2 of the province’s plan. Many of our residents will now be shopping in malls, restaurants, patios, hair salons, etc. and then coming back to the territory. It is important to note, should we see an increase in their cases, we will adjust our plans to ensure the safety of all.
With the efforts of the Emergency Control Group over the past three months, we know the community has all the tools and have taken all the necessary precautions to tackle COVID-19 and protect their families. We as a Council trust and believe - that every community member will take all the necessary precautions to keep themselves and their loved ones safe.

We have to remain diligent in our own safety and not let our guard down. Regardless of the check points coming down, we are asking everyone to remain vigilant in maintaining the health and safety guidelines we have put in place over the past three months. As a reminder, all the tools, guidance and support to deal with COVID-19 is available for you on our website at www.sixnationsCOVID19.ca

Elected Council thanks the community for continuing to practice all necessary health and safely measures.

Public Health Officials are reminding people to:

- Take every measure to stay at home, especially if you feel ill;
- Practice physical distancing if you do have to 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;
- Monitor themselves for symptoms that include coughing, fever, and difficulty breathing, reporting 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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