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Six Nations Mourns the Loss of Three Community Members to COVID-19

On January 10th, 2022, Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council (SNGREC) received confirmation from Ohsweken Public Health that a sixteenth community member passed away due to COVID-19.

Last evening, SNGREC was notified of two more deaths related to COVID-19 within the community that occurred on January 9th and 10th. One of these community members was a resident of Iroquois Lodge.

Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council would like to send their deepest condolences to the families of these community members, and continue to think of all who have lost a loved one to this pandemic. SNGREC would also like to commend the staff of Iroquois Lodge who work diligently and tirelessly to keep their residents safe and healthy.

These are the first deaths related to COVID-19 reported on Six Nations since November 18, 2021. This brings the total number of COVID-19 deaths in the community to 18.

The number of active cases on Six Nations remains high, and community members are strongly encouraged to follow all public health guidelines and remain vigilant. This includes:

- Wearing a medical-grade mask (surgical, KN95, or N95, if possible)
- Frequently washing/sanitizing your hands
- Socially distancing
- Avoiding large crowds and social gatherings
- Getting vaccinated if you haven't already, including 3rd doses if you are eligible

Community members are reminded of the importance of self-isolating if you have symptoms, if you have come into contact with a positive case of COVID-19, or if you have been directed to do so by a healthcare professional. All those who are able to work from home at this time are encouraged to do so.

COVID-19 tests and vaccines can be booked online at www.sixnationscovid19.ca. Walk-in appointments are also available for all vaccines from Monday to Thursday, 9:00am – 4:00pm, at Dajoh Youth and Elders Centre (1738 4th Line).

Anyone who is struggling at this difficult time and needs support is encouraged to reach out to the Six Nations Mobile Crisis Line, available 24/7 at 519-445-2204 or toll-free at 1-866-445-2204.

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