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## *Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point First Nation*

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# COVID-19 update: Community Emergency

Dear Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation community members,

Community health is a top priority for chief and council. This afternoon the Community Control Group (CCG) met to discuss the current state of the pandemic as it relates to KSPFN. In an effort to protect community members and limit the spread of the COVID- 19 (Coronavirus) the CCG is declaring a local **Community Emergency**.

The purpose of the Community Emergency is to:

- Protect and preserve life and property
- Assist the Nation to minimize the effects of the emergency
- Restore essential services

At this point **NO** community members have tested positive for Coronavirus. However, across Ontario, 185 cases had been identified by Tuesday, and health authorities announced a provincial state of emergency.

Kettle and Stony Point leadership is working closely with health experts and health authorities who recommend a “social distancing” model, which aims to help slow down the spread of Coronavirus so health authorities are not overloaded and can care for those most in need.

During this **Community Emergency**, we ask community members to avoid crowds and remain home if possible. Also, we would like to remind community members that the Administration is closed to the public.

The following services will be restricted

- Assisted Living Facility – (Visits restricted)

If you need information from the band office during this time, please call 519-786-2125. Messages will be checked daily.



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We especially urge anyone who is feeling sick to please self isolate, staying home if possible. For more information on COVID-19, please contact the the Health Department at 519-786-5647 or Lambton Public Health at 519-383-8331

We advise community members to follow best practices for preventing virus spread:

- Wash your hands often
- Cough and sneeze into your sleeve
- Avoid unnecessary travel and large gatherings of people
- Avoid close contact such as handshakes and hugs with others, especially elders, children and those who have compromised immune systems.

Chief and Council will continue to monitor and respond to this rapidly changing situation. We will update the community as often and quickly as possible.