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*Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point First Nation*

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## COVID-19: Community Update

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

Please see below for the latest community news related to the COVID19 pandemic.

### **Positive case**

A community member has tested positive for COVID19. We will not be providing specific details about the case, but we do want to assure the community that health officials have directed all close contacts to self isolate immediately. We are wishing a full and speedy recovery to the community member who is receiving medical care in hospital.

It is more important than ever that we prevent spread of this virus into our community. We continue to ask community members to practice **social distancing**. In other words, **please stay home**. If you must go out, always stay **two metres (six feet)** away from others. We know this is difficult. Health officials say it is the best way to stop the spread of Covid19.

Thank you to everyone who has been doing their part by practicing social distancing. You are all making a difference. And to those who have gone above and beyond to help those in need – Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### **New community bylaws enacted in response to COVID19 pandemic**

On Friday, March 27, 2020, Chief and Council passed two resolutions. They are in effect.



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- **Ban on gatherings of more than five people**  
To protect the health of community members through social distancing, Chief and Council passed a resolution banning gatherings of more than five people who do not live in the same household during this pandemic.
- **Ban on open air fires**  
To ensure volunteer firefighters can be available if needed during the COVID19 outbreak, Chief and Council have passed a resolution banning open-air brush or grass fires.  
Sacred fires and small campfires for cooking are permitted

### **Community Health Check Points: Seeking Helpers**

The First Nation is seeking helpers to operate health check-in booths on Indian Road and London Road. Community members and staff will be trained and equipped with protective equipment.

The purpose of health check points is to screen anyone entering the community by asking them a series of questions about their health and recent activities that may have increased their risk of COVID19 exposure. Barriers will be put up to block other access roads to funnel traffic to health points.

People who have symptoms will be asked to self-isolate (stay home) and asked to call Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 or Lambton Public Health at 519-383-8331 for information.

If you are willing and able to help at the check points, please call Hillside School at 519-786-6903. Someone will be available to take your call on Sunday until 3pm and through the week.



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### **Request to cottagers during COVID19**

We are asking all Kettle and Stony Point cottagers to stay home during this pandemic.

As you know, we value our relationship with cottagers who come into the community to vacation and support our local businesses. However, during this COVID19 outbreak, the region simply doesn't have the capacity to absorb any increase in demand for health services, emergency services, food and other supplies. Our request to cottagers is part of our effort to protect community members and health care workers. We look forward to their return when this pandemic is over.

### **Food distribution schedule for week starting Monday, March 30, 2020:**

Monday and Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hillside School community centre

Thursday: Deliveries to Sarnia, London, Stony Point and elders in the community.

If you are a community member and are in need of food distribution services, please call Hillside School at 519-786-6903.

*\*Tuesday will be a day for us to regroup, prepare orders and take delivery request*

Chief, council and the community control group will continue to update the community as often and quickly as possible.