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# Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point

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## COMMUNITY ADVISORY

Date: March 10, 2020

RE: Recent Social Media Communication  
COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Information

Attention:

As part of our diligence in keeping up with the progress of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), we would like to ensure that information going out publicly and to the community is accurate, and reliable.

We have been advised that there was a recent social media post claiming that National Grand Chiefs are discussing quarantining all reserves across Canada. The post is also advising people within reserves to start stocking up on essentials.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS POST WAS NOT ISSUED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS OR THE UNION OF ONTARIO INDIANS AND THE CHIPPEWAS OF KETTLE AND STONY POINT FIRST NATION IS NOT UNDER QUARANTINE.

The First Nation is closely monitoring the progress of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) through reliable, health-related sites such as the World Health Organization, The Lambton Public Health Unit, the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care, the Public Health Agency of Canada, and Indigenous Services Canada.

To date, there are no suspected cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) within the County of Lambton or within the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is not yet classified as a national Pandemic and *THE RISK FOR CONTRACTING THE VIRUS IS LOW*. We continue to monitor the situation and if there is a need for community-wide action, community members will be notified by the COMMUNITY CONTROL GROUP (CCG) as prescribed within the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point Pandemic Plan.

Indigenous Services Canada's recent advisory (March 10, 2020) indicates there have been over 30 cases confirmed in Ontario. All cases have been in the Greater Toronto Area, London, and Waterloo. Other cases in Canada have been in British Columbia, Alberta, and Quebec. **The risk to the community overall is considered low at this time**, however this may change quickly. Updated information about the situation in Ontario can be found on the Ministry of Health website, and we encourage you to visit this site frequently: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus>

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is closely monitoring the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in other countries. Please consult their travel page for the latest travel advice:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/publichealth/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latest-travel-health-advice.html>

## **Precautionary Measures**

Suggested precautionary measures for the general public include practices that are similar to all flu viruses during flu season. You can stay healthy and prevent the spread of infections by:

- washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands;
- avoiding close contact with people who are sick;
- coughing or sneezing into your sleeve and not your hands; and
- staying home if you are sick to avoid spreading illness to others.

## **When to see a health care provider**

- If you have fever, cough or shortness of breath, seek medical care through your health care provider or walk-in clinic, or if necessary, at the emergency department.
- Visit the emergency department if you have severe symptoms of respiratory illness such as difficulty breathing or shortness of breath when doing very little.
- If you are seeking medical attention and are experiencing respiratory symptoms, put on a mask as soon as you arrive to help protect others.
- If you seek medical attention, tell your health care provider if you have travelled outside of Canada recently.

Once again, please exercise caution prior to sharing social media reports about the COVID-19 (Coronavirus). To avoid unnecessary stress and panic within the community be sure to visit the public health sites listed to cross-reference any unverified reports arriving in your social media feeds.

Thank you,

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