



Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point First Nation

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COVID_19 community update

Health booths, road closure signs to be removed

Dear Kettle and Stony Point First Nation community members,

One month into this pandemic situation, and things continue to change at a rapid pace. What has not changed is the First Nation's priority.

Health and safety of community members remains the number one concern and it is with that in mind, that the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point Community Control Group has decided to remove the two community health screening booths.

Effective immediately, both booths will be removed along with road access barriers.

As a reminder, the screening booths were set up to promote health of community members and provide safe health screening. The intent was to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Unfortunately, health officials say the booths themselves have become a health and safety issue. They are leading to unnecessary interactions between community members. Removing them will help avoid interactions with people who do not live in the same household – which health experts say is the best way to limit exposure to COVID-19.

Since the booths were installed, additional road obstacles and screening measures have been implemented. To be clear, these obstacles and screening measures were **not approved** by the Community Control Group. At no time was a road closure or blockade planned or approved. **Unapproved signs and road barriers should be removed.**

As you know, we've asked cottagers to stay in their primary residences during this time. We appreciate their co-operation.

Chief and Council have also passed two resolutions as part of the First Nation's COVID-19 response: To **ban open fires** and **ban all gatherings of more than five people** who do not live in the same household. Those resolutions remain in effect.

We continue to ask all members to act as though you have the virus and take action to avoid spreading it to others. The best way to do this is to stay home. Those who must leave their homes are asked to stay two metres (six feet) away from others. Wash hands frequently.

We will continue to keep you updated on future developments.