



Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point First Nation

6247 Indian Lane
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Kettle and Stony Point First Nation: Closing Borders to keep community safe

We are here to inform you the First Nation is closing its borders to all non-essential travel in and out of the community and limiting travel within those borders. This is an important step in the effort to protect community safety during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The **Border Closure Order** and **Community Measures** have been passed along with a health protection order by Chief and Council through Band Council Resolutions (BCRs).

Effective immediately, the BCRs are designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community by limiting potential for contact between individuals who do not live in the same household.

The First Nation has engaged the **Anishinabek Police Service (APS)** to ensure safety and enforce the BCRs. It is important to know that community police are and will remain independent from political leadership.

Health and safety of community members is the number one priority for this First Nation. Since the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, leadership has:

- Declared a community emergency
- Pressed the Canadian and Ontario governments for resources, including testing kits
- Made a public plea for cottagers to stay home
- Organized support for KSPFN members in need -- in and out of the community
- Repeatedly encouraged members to use best health practices such as social distancing.

This is the next step. The BCRs outlined below have been developed in partnership with legal authorities. They will be posted online at www.kettlepoint.org and hard copies are up at the band office and First Nation entrance points. Here are summaries of the orders:

BCR #1: Border Closure Order

- Guests and visitors will not be permitted into the First Nation
- KSPFN residents will not be permitted to travel out of the community for non-essentials
- Those permitted to cross the border will be asked a standard set of health questions
- All essential travel will go through **ONE** Heath Check Point at Indian Lane.

Exemption Lists: The First Nation has drafted a list of exemptions for “essential services”, “providers” and another for “essential” travel. The lists will be posted at the band office and community entrances.

*The lists will be updated on an as-needed basis without the necessity of passing a new BCR.



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BCR #2: Community-based measures during a community emergency:

- No gatherings of more than five people who are not from the same household.
- No traveling within the community except to engage in an activity that the First Nation has declared to be “essential” on the most up to date exemption list.

Exemption List: As with BCR #1, the First Nation has drafted a list of exemptions including travel for medical purposes and other “essential” purposes. The list is attached to this document and will be posted at the band office and entrances to the community.

*The list will be updated on an as-needed basis without the necessity of passing a new BCR.

BCR #3: Health Protection and Promotion Act

- With this BCR, we have “opted in” to Ontario’s Health Protection and Promotion Act, giving the First Nation authority to issue a written order requiring a community member to self isolate and take other measures to reduce the spread of the virus in the community.
- Under this order, anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 or who has been exposed to the virus will be asked to self isolate.

Please note these new BCRs take effect **immediately**.

Like you, we look forward to the day these restrictions can be safely lifted, and we can gather as a community again without risk. Meanwhile, we continue to encourage all community members to follow stay-home protocols as much as possible and practice social distancing (six feet apart from others) when outside the home

For full details on each BCR, please go to www.kettlepoint.org. They are posted in the COVID-19 information section.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding. Stay well.

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