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# COVID-19 Community Flyer

## Kettle and Stony Point First Nation

### Staying safe while moving forward

May 12, 2020

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the First Nation has taken several steps to protect the health and safety of all community members. Among those steps, leadership has declared a Community Emergency, partnered with Lambton Public Health to enable COVID-19 testing in the community and passed three Band Council Resolutions designed to encourage members to follow best health practices, such as social distancing. With the help of community police and firefighters, the First Nation also installed barricades as part of a border closure order to restrict unnecessary travel.

While the pandemic is not considered over, Kettle and Stony Point First Nation is taking steps to support community businesses as they reopen in a way that will keep employees and customers safe.

This move is in line with the Ontario Government's decision to ease restrictions on certain businesses to lay the groundwork for what it called a "safe, measured and gradual reopening of the province."

On May 12, 2020, the First Nation will take steps in the following areas to support safely moving ahead in a way that promotes social and economic health.

**Local businesses:** Through the Kettle and Stony Point Health Services, the First Nation has arranged support for local business operators, to help them reopen in a safe way.

**Cottagers:** Kettle and Stony Point First Nation will allow people to come into the community to go to their cottages for essential purposes. This includes property checks and maintenance requirements. Permanent residents are asked to remain at their residence, travel only when necessary and adhere the First Nation's laws. Non-residents are asked to bring supplies and necessities from home and follow community and physical distancing guidelines if they require a property check.

**Community:** Residents are asked to continue to follow best health practices and physical distancing guidelines. The community BCR restricting gatherings to no more than five people remains in effect.

### What community members can expect:

- If you experience symptoms associated with COVID-19, please contact Kettle & Stony Point Health Services at 519-786-5647



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- As the Checkpoints come down, community members are asked to continue to abide by rules put in place by the COVID-19 Band Council Resolutions, such as the ban on gatherings of more than five people and the open fire ban. It is important we continue to practice good public health measures.
- The Anishinabek police will enforce the BCRs with enforceable fines. If you have concerns about regarding community activity that may conflict with the BCRs please contact APS at 519- 786 5445 or 1-888-310-1122.
- Community members are asked to continue following physical distancing guidelines
  - Stay home as much as possible, leaving only for essential purposes
  - Remain at least two metres (six feet) away from others who do not live in the same home
  - Avoid gatherings
  - Wash hands frequently
  - Please continue to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19, and stay home if you feel unwell.
  - If you are experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19, contact Kettle & Stony Point Health Services at 519-786-5647

### **What businesses operators can expect?**

Leadership supports the move to re-open in a way that protects public health and will implement a process to help business owners, operators and employees comply with ongoing or new COVID-19 safety measures.

Throughout the pandemic, businesses will be asked to comply with requirements outlined by Health Services with the goal of preventing the spread of the virus in our community. The First Nation will endorse those who adhere to the measures with a public notice of compliance and make public the list of supported businesses.

Those requirements include:

- Contactless curbside pick-up preferred.
- In store-Physical distancing at all times. Spacing on floor for customers.
- Physical distance of 6 feet at transaction space (cash register)
- Cashless preferred, cash transactions must be contactless.
- Limit of 2 customers in store.
- Regular disinfecting of high touch surfaces.
- PPE where necessary

The sanctioning process will begin today. Community business owners operating inside the Kettle and Stony point boundaries should contact the Health Centre at 519-786 -5647 for more information and health support. Businesses who do not comply with the requirements could face fines and penalties.



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### **What can we cottagers expect?**

The First Nation is accepting cottagers back into the community for essential purposes only. We welcome those who need to come and check on their cottages as long as they follow guidelines put in place to protect the health and safety of our community.

If cottagers need to come into the community for necessary errands and essential travel, they are asked to abide by the recently passed BCRs which can be found on the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation website ([kettlepoint.org](http://kettlepoint.org)) or at the administration office.

Those who do not follow community bylaws will be subject to fines

Please know that community health remains a top priority at Kettle and Stony Point First Nation, and leadership continues to work closely with area health authorities. During this time, community members and cottagers are asked to continue physical distancing and to stay home as much as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation