



Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point First Nation

COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATE

August 25, 2021

As the province of Ontario remains open for increased business that also means we can expect more public interaction and contact leading to an increased spread of the COVID-19 virus. Currently across the Province, the Delta Variant is on the increase and appears to be hitting the unvaccinated, the partially vaccinated, and the immune compromised populations quite hard. The Delta Variant is more infectious than the original strain and this is leading to increased transmissibility. Here in the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation we recently had a potential outbreak scare that might have led to a community-wide emergency situation. Fortunately, after more thorough lab testing, the potential COVID-19 cases were returned **negative** or clear of any indication of the virus strain. **As of today's date, our First Nation sits at two (2) active COVID-19 cases currently being monitored by Public Health.**

With increased opportunities to enter into public buildings, travel, dining out, or cross-border shopping, we wish to advise the community to take precautions to keep our most vulnerable populations safe including our young children who, to date, remain unvaccinated.

- Please wear your mask when in public places or interacting with people who do not live in the same household as you.
- Use hand sanitizer with at least a 70% alcohol base when touching high-touch point items such as interact machines, door knobs, bathroom fixtures, etc.
- Keep the recommended 6-foot distance between you and others
- Wash your hand frequently with soap and water.

If you choose to enter the United States of America during this time, please know you do so at your own risk. Negative COVID-19 tests may be a requirement when crossing back into Canada. Positive tests may result in mandatory isolation requirements at your own expense imposed by the Canadian Border Control Services. Federal legislation supersedes provincial legislation in terms of COVID-19 isolation requirements.

Vaccinations Work

Public Health advises that Vaccines help despite a small percentage of fully vaccinated people that may be diagnosed with COVID-19, the vaccinations are saving lives. If you are unvaccinated we encourage you to get your vaccine. Please contact one of our Community Health Nurses at the Health Centre at 519-786-5647 for assistance or information on where the current vaccination sites are located.