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Statement from the Kettle & Stony First Nation On COVID-19

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We have to extend our Holiday closure and delay the reopening of the office for at least one week.

Background: With the increasing number of positive Covid-19 cases in the community and the backlog of PCR (more accurate) test results, it was recommended that we rapid test the staff twice upon our return to the office.

Delayed Reopening: Today, I was informed that we placed a large order for the rapid test kits sometime around December 24th. The order arrived but the wrong test kit was shipped to us. The test kit that did arrive would require 4 additional result machines and even if we ordered the machines tomorrow, we wouldn't receive them in a week. We will place a new order again tomorrow morning. Therefore, we will NOT have enough rapid test kits this coming week to test the staff twice as recommended for continued safety.

We have enough factual information to make the decision to extend our Holiday closure for one week. We have to first and foremost, make the best decisions we can to keep the community and the frontline staff safe.

We will have a CCG update meeting again later this week and will keep you informed by Friday, January 7th as to when we believe it will safe to return to the office. This continued CLOSURE includes the Hillside School that was scheduled to reopen on Wednesday.

We will have some departments and staff who need to continue to work (skeleton crew) the same as was scheduled during the Holidays.

My apologies that this disrupts families lives but with the updated information today, it's best we delay reopening the services to the community at this time.

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First Nation Manager/CEO