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Saugeen First Nation (SFN)
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SAUGEEN FIRST NATION COVID UPDATE

SFN has declared “state of emergency”, issuing a stay-at-home order effective 8:00 PM. Thursday, July 2, 2021, as the number of COVID-19 cases surge within our community. It will last for 14 days; at which time the situation will be reassessed.

WHAT WE KNOW AS OF TODAY:

- 80 cases total with 75 active and 5 recovered. Of these 75 active cases, 4 are currently in hospital.
- All businesses will be shut down for 2 weeks – starting this evening at 8PM.
- Only essential (vital) band employed staff are working. They are the: Health Centre, Social Services, Finance, Band Representative, Band Administrator, Communications, Foodbank, Roads, and Water.
- Cancom and the OPP will be available during the lockdown. We are currently in discussions with Red Cross as to how this will look and blend with our community shutdown process.
- Regarding businesses – If business owners need financial support to keep their business running, Tecumseh and Canadian Council of Aboriginal Business, will be able to provide information for loans and grants.
- What does “State of Emergency” mean? It means: Stay home. If you have been swabbed/tested for COVID, you must isolate until results are provided. For individuals who have tested positive – they must stay in quarantine for 14 days, and NO household gatherings.
- The Red Cross will be arriving into our community this weekend.

It is through community cooperation, perseverance, and respect, that we will get through this challenge of eradicating the COVID virus from our community. This temporary closure is a difficult step for all of us, but we are confident that we will get through this together. Please stay home, travel only unless it’s necessary, and strictly observe the following pandemic protocols:

- Wear a mask outside your home.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Watch your distance and remain at least 2 meters from people you don’t live with.

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SFN Chief and Council
