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Saugeen First Nation (SFN)
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Saugeen First Nation Community Members and Business Owners

SFN Chief and Council passed a BCR on Wednesday June 30 declaring a State of Emergency in response to the emerging COVID-19 crisis in our community.

In response to the State of Emergency, SFN Chief and Council directed the SFN COVID Crisis Team to work directly with Grey Bruce Health Unit (GBHU) and other health experts to determine necessary next steps to ensure that we control the spread of COVID-19 within and outside of our community.

As of 10:00 pm June 30, the SFN Covid Crisis Team received recommendations from health experts that SFN take the following measures to control the spread of COVID-19:

Full Closure of All Band Services and Businesses for a 2 Week Period.

**Based on this recommendation –
SFN will enforce a full closure of ALL SFN SERVICES AND BUSINESSES beginning
Friday July 2 at 8:00 pm.**

At the end of the 2-week period (to Thursday July 15) we will re-assess and determine if the closure of SFN services and businesses can be lifted or if it will be extended.

This was a difficult decision. We know the importance of SFN business and employment incomes for our members. We recognize that limited notice has been provided ahead of this closure, but we are responding to an evolving COVID-19 crisis in our community and we trust that advice has been given in consideration of best available evidence and public health advice.

A multipronged approach has been implanted including deploying clinical and public health professionals to conduct COVID-19 testing, case-contact management, providing information and education on isolation and public health measures, supporting with Infection Prevention and Control, supporting vaccine rollout, and providing information and education on vaccine safety and effectiveness.

The Saugeen First Nation will hold a community mass immunization clinic on Friday, July 2, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Health Centre. To ensure maximum protection against COVID-19, we strongly encourage everyone to get vaccinated as soon as possible by attending the walk-in clinic. Full vaccination provides the greatest defence against COVID-19 pandemic and its variants, including the Delta variant.

We all are in this together

Chi-Miigwetch,

SFN Chief and Council
