



Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation
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RE: SNGRDC Group Response to Media Inquiry Regarding Covid-19

Like all businesses facing these unprecedented times, The Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation (SNGRDC) Group, including SNGRDC and the Economic Development Trust (EDT) will face significant impact on our operations due to Covid-19. Since we are unsure how long the pandemic will last, the SNGRDC and the EDT are currently discussing measures to preserve our financial resources in order to reopen operations when permitted.

As a community owned development corporation, we feel it is our responsibility to assist where we can especially during times of uncertainty. SNGRDC has done the following to assist our community:

- Closed Bingo Operations as soon as mandated as a precautionary measure to prevent the spread of Covid-19
- Dedicated an administrative support team who are prepared to help in the following areas: Human Resources, Planning, Communication and Administration, to assist the Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council with crisis management (including the administration of the community Covid-19 hotline)
- Provided the Six Nations Emergency Control Group access to Chiefswood Park Cabins as part of their inventory for Emergency Service Providers who may have been exposed to Covid-19 and are required to self-isolate.
- Using existing vendors to procure large food donations
- Sourcing essential equipment such as 10,000 N95 masks for use by the Emergency Control Group
- Development of At Home Learning Packages for students surrounding Renewable Energy for Free which included 1) Solar Energy Worksheets and Solar Boat Construction Package 2) Renewable Energy Activities/Crafts Package 3) Renewable Energy themed coloring book

In addition, SNGRDC has moved forward with the following operational matters:

- Provided all employees with paid leave for the first 4 weeks of the shut down
- Continued to maintain operations with essential staff working remotely
- Following all safety measures as per the Six Nations Health and Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council protocols and will remain closed until at least May 31, 2020.

As the community is aware, the Economic Development Trust (EDT) is the mechanism in which surplus profits generated by SNGRDC are invested back into



the Six Nations Community. The EDT is currently in active conversations on the best way to assist the community during this troubling time. As plans and decisions are finalized, the EDT will release this information to the community.

We are just one of several organizations that are doing their part to help our community and we encourage everyone to pitch in where they can, even if that means staying home to prevent the spread of the virus.

Thanks