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Aamjiwnaang Members:

On Tuesday March 9, 2021 Council met in a Special Council Meeting to discuss concerns raised by Community Members as well as staff that there have been instances of people not respecting COVID -19 protocols put in place to assist in stopping the virus from community transmission, which potentially could lead to an Outbreak.

This notice is to remind members that these protocols are in place for the protection of the entire community, and due to some people not fully respecting these protocols, Council will be implementing further protocols with the intent to address the concerns brought forward, which include:

- all doors at public buildings will remain locked during business hours and will be opened for those with scheduled appointments.
- mail slots will be available at the doors for document drop off.
- people picking up documents will be required to pick them up at the doors.
- revised screening questions will be asked upon entering Band buildings, specifically around quarantine or isolation orders.

Regarding community gatherings, Council is requesting that community members be more vigilant when it comes to gatherings, and if you are unsure what the current restrictions are, we ask you contact our Health Centre to inquire. Gatherings that exceed the current restrictions are strongly advised against including but not limited to ceremonies, house parties, food sales, and gatherings with people outside of your own household.

Masking, hand washing/sanitizing, and social distancing are still in effect and this message is also being shared with our Aamjiwnaang staff, as there will be zero tolerance for noncompliance in the workplace. We have an obligation to keep our staff and community members safe and Council is determined to do everything to prevent any potential outbreaks. If there are any additional reports of people not being truthful at screenings, Council will be forced to shut down all Band Buildings to ensure compliance.

Council acknowledges these instances are few in nature and we wish to express our appreciation who have followed the protocols in place, may we all learn from your examples.

Our continued thoughts are with those who have been impacted by COVID -19, including our neighboring communities. As we continue to see the vaccine clinics rollout, we remind you that until any restrictions are lifted, all remain in place. Let us continue to work together to keep our community safe.

Respectfully,

Chief Chris Plain

On behalf of Aamjiwnaang Band Council