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Community Update

Attention Aamjiwnaang Members;

With the decision to continue to keep select buildings closed for the remainder of the week we wanted to provide some more context and details around this decision.

This decision was based on the notice of INEOS doing a week long shutdown starting yesterday (Monday), and continuing through the remainder of the week. There will be elevated flaring as a result of this shutdown, the duration of the flaring is anticipated to be Monday to Friday with peaks being Wednesday to Friday. We found that this, along with any other shutdown related activities that may have an impact on staff and Community Members, were cause to extend the closure.

With this, we felt it was in our best interest to keep these buildings closed until we can ensure the issue has been looked. After meeting with the MECP twice last week, we have yet to receive an update from INEOS or the MECP about the issue and how it is going to be dealt with, outside of the public information that is being shared.

An additional air monitoring station has been installed beside the new Education building behind the Band Office and in the ball diamond area. While results are not currently live yet on the CASA website, it is equipped to read for benzene. It is expected to be live on CASA in the coming days. The monitor at the Daycare has also been upgraded to do the same.

Staff will be working from home and will offer assistance to members as best as possible. Essential staff are working out of the Community Centre to be able to provide assistance and services to members as some tasks are unable to be completed from home. We are asking members to still call the Band Office and to leave a voicemail as staff will receive it through their email and reach out to assist as best as possible. The link to our directory is included in this post. For any status card inquiries, please email James Wrightman at jwrightman@aamjiwnaang.ca to schedule an appointment.

We are continuing to advise that community members exercise caution in avoiding the baseball diamond and playground areas, we are in the process of having signs installed to alert those who may not be aware of the current issues.

We will continue to provide updates as they become available.

Miigwetch for your understanding and cooperation.

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