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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sioux Lookout Area Chiefs and Health Directors
FROM: Dr. John Guilfoyle, Public Health Physician, SLFNHA
DATE: November 7, 2020.
SUBJECT: Public Health Notification of Positive COVID-19 Cases - Keewaywin

The Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority (SLFNHA) was notified that two individuals have tested positive for COVID-19 in the community of Keewaywin First Nation. The cases are within the same family group and is associated with travel out of the community.

The SLFNHA Approaches to Community Wellbeing - Preventing Infection Diseases (PID) team is working with community health staff to support the public health management of the case. Contact tracing has started and the SLFNHA PID team is working closely with health staff to prevent the spread of infection. An update of the situation will be provided as soon as more information is confirmed.

We continue to encourage adhering to public health measures. This includes: physical distancing, handwashing, wearing masks/face covering in public where physical distancing cannot be maintained, staying in our circles as much as possible, and avoiding unnecessary travel.

If you have any community member with symptoms that could be caused by COVID-19, please contact your nursing station to be assessed as a matter of urgency.

If you have any questions about how to best protect the health of your community, please do not hesitate to contact the following: Emily Paterson, Director of Approaches to Community Wellbeing (emily.paterson@slnha.com) or Dr. John Guilfoyle, SLFNHA Public Health Physician (John.Guilfoyle@slnha.com).

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