



Friday April 3, 2020

PROJECT: PROTECT OUR PEOPLE **IMPLEMENTATION OF CONCRETE BARRIERS**

Thank you for your patience as we continue to monitor the effectiveness and safety for all in Project: Protect Our People. In a measure to ensure the continued safety and protection, we will be placing concrete barriers at each stop point as soon as possible to address people moving the current barriers aside to access the Territory. This is creating an issue where community members are taking it upon themselves to staff these stop points. The placement of concrete barriers is aimed at preventing this from happening and ensuring the safety of all.

As the largest populated First Nation in Canada we are focused on doing everything we can to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community. COVID-19 presents a higher risk to our community because we have lack of housing resulting in overcrowding and multi-generational households, higher rates of health and social issues from intergenerational trauma, along with a very small percentage of our population who speak our traditional languages and hold traditional knowledge. This was a decision that was made based on knowing the catastrophic impacts that this virus could have in our community if left unchecked.

We ask for your understanding and respect for us doing what we need to do to protect who we are as Haudenosaunee people.

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Emergency Control Group



SIX NATIONS OF THE GRAND RIVER

