

Gakijiwanong Anishinaabe Nation Health Report

December 2023

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December will be a very busy month for the Health Staff:

- 1) Gakijiwanong Anishinaabe Nation Health Law topic will be presented at the Roundhouse December 5, 2023 – lunch will be provided – community is urged to attend -we need your input – it will start at 12 pm – 4 pm
- 2) Also- we have been informed by Mark Cudney – Regional Director for the Emergency Response Teams of Ontario – has deemed Gakijiwanong as having no Response Team. Training was set up last week, and no participants showed up. I will set up a flyer for emergency numbers to contact for non-emergency and emergencies. Health Staff is not trained to answer calls. The nurse, Tracey will answer calls while she is in community
- 3) The community has requested that the NNADAP and BHC workers hold a support circle on a monthly basis for Alcoholism and Drugs- starting in the New Year – posters will be distributed before events.
- 4) Regalia Nights from 5-8 pm at the Health Station will continue for the community – Dorothy Jordan , BHC worker to hold these events.

- 5) Meals on Wheels have started with 3 people cooking and delivering – Meagan Atatise and Brittney Ottetail and Jackie Ottetail (pending accepting position) as we have at least 16 clients altogether. And will have more in the future.

- 6) Covid cases – there have been cases in the community, started with 6 cases – there are no positive cases to date. The crisis team (manager’s team) has made aware to the community that if you are positive – you isolate yourself 2 days without symptoms and fevers , 5 days if you have symptoms and fevers.

- 7) Office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays – starting December 21- and reopen January 5,2024 Mail and Medication runs will be scheduled to resume during the holidays. A driver has been selected for this purpose.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE HEALTH STAFF