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Dear Oneida Nation,

This weekend will be a major test of our will to beat the Corona Virus. It is Easter weekend and our traditions are to GATHER to eat, visit, hunt eggs, and to eat too much candy!

It will be very tempting to ignore the safety instructions, to gather anyway, go house to house, and visit those you have been missing these past weeks. But, **PLEASE STAY HOME!**

We must resist these temptations. Public health experts continue to say the only way to win is the **STAY HOME!** It is so hard to social distance in homes, and even outside. It is hard not to share serving spoons and meat forks. It is hard not to pour from the same coffee pot or use the same kitchen towel.

Please, this Easter, stay home, call your friends and family and plan a delayed celebration. Let's not risk an outbreak of virus because we didn't stay home.

Keep washing your hands, covering coughs, **AND STAY HOME THIS WEEKEND. YOUR LIFE AND THE LIFE OF THOSE YOU LOVE DEPEND ON IT!!**

This Easter will be different, but if we do it right, we can expect our next Easter to be better, shared with the people we love most.

Thank you,

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