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Brethren,

The outbreak of a new coronavirus has caused some concern among our members. I have reproduced material from the World Health Organization for your information.

To summarize in one line the precautions that impact lodge functioning: wash your hands regularly and if you are ill, do not go to lodge.

If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, you should seek medical advice.

WHO's standard recommendations for the general public to reduce exposure to and transmission of a range of illnesses are as follows, which include hand and respiratory hygiene, and safe food practices:

- Frequently clean hands by using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water;
- When coughing and sneezing cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue – throw tissue away immediately and wash hands;
- Avoid close contact with anyone who has fever and cough;
- If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing seek medical care early and share previous travel history with your health care provider;
- When visiting live markets in areas currently experiencing cases of novel coronavirus, avoid direct unprotected contact with live animals and surfaces in contact with animals;
- The consumption of raw or undercooked animal products should be avoided. Raw meat, milk or animal organs should be handled with care, to avoid cross-contamination with uncooked foods, as per good food safety practices.

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

The Ontario Ministry of Health has created a web page for the public at ontario.ca/coronavirus.

Check for updated reports regularly and be safe.

David J. Cameron
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