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Public Update on COVID-19

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Public Statement

The Cree leadership will continue exploring new vehicles to get information out to the public. Call in shows will be organized for specific audiences like the Youth, health and education.



The Leadership reviewed the revised travel advisory for individuals coming from Southern regions who are now requested to self-isolate for 14 days.

Cree School Board
Commission scolaire crie

On behalf of Cree Leadership, Happy Easter to everyone.

Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay

The Cree Board of Health confirms that there remain six (6) Cree individuals who have tested positive:

- One (1) identified in Montreal
- Three (3) identified in Chisasibi: two remain in mandatory isolation and one has been transferred to Montreal for more acute care
- Two (2) in Nemaska: both remain in mandatory isolation

Tracing and testing continue to be carried out and completed by the Health Board and the individuals who do get tested are under mandatory self-isolation. The Health Board reported that the vast majority of tests are coming back negative is very reassuring and emphasizes that the virus is contained in Eeyou Istchee and there is not community transmission.

Currently there are only 10 tests waiting for results with a wait time of 24 hours now which has greatly improved.

Despite the good news the Health Board continues to make improvements on equipment and facilities, such as negative pressure rooms in the event that they are needed. It is critical to maintain the positive news in Eeyou Istchee that people continue maintaining social distancing and practicing pre-cautionary measures.

Cree School Board

The Cree School Board is working in collaboration with communities to plan and monitor any Post-Secondary student travel at the end of this semester. The Cree School Board has informed students to follow protocols upon arriving in their home communities.

Eeyou Eenou Police Force

The EEPF issued 10 tickets over the last week for breach of social distancing regulations representing a decline in interventions which is reassuring because it means the message is getting out and people are complying with social distancing requirements. The EEPF continues to work with local authorities to assist in managing access points and the enforcement of alcohol by-laws. The EEPF plans on showing a real presence for the coming long weekend and are prepared to intervene if their inappropriate gatherings or parties.

Reliable Sources of Information

People are advised to continue exercising caution on where they get their information in relation to COVID-19 and to keep in mind that the reliable sources of information remain:

- <https://eeyouistcheecovid19.org/>
- www.cngov.ca/covid-19/
- www.creehealth.org
- www.eeyoueducation.ca
- <https://www.quebec.ca>
- <https://www.canada.ca>

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