



April 13, 2020

Public Update on COVID-19

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Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay

The situation of COVID-19 continues to evolve in Quebec but is reaching a plateau.

The peak is expected around April 18 for the province generally, arriving a little earlier in the South and a little later in the North.

Eeyou Istchee continues to have only have 5 confirmed cases, and 1 in Montreal.

- 168 tests have been administered.
- 150 tests returned negative.
- 13 awaiting results

The waiting period for tests remains between 48-36 hours which is very good.

An agency nurse who was working at the Espresso Hotel tested positive for COVID-19 on April 12th, 2020. However, the nurse in question wore the required protective personal equipment at all times and the people who came into contact with this nurse are considered to be low risk. Regardless, the Health Board is carrying out the contact tracing necessary and those that have since transitioned home are expected to self-isolated for 14 days as per the protocol. The Health Board will report the test results from this contact tracing as soon as it is available.

Chisasibi has received the good news that Lawrence Kanatewat, the first case from the Hotel Espresso has been confirmed from a physician that he is now COVID-19 free and has been told he can return home. Mr. Kanatewat is now considered one of the lucky people that is now considered immune and poses no risk to his family or community.

The first identified individual in Nemaska who has now been symptom-free is also awaiting test results so that a physician can confirm that she is also COVID-19 free. .

Cree School Board

A Livestream show will be broadcast on Wednesday, April 15 at 6 PM to respond to questions from students and parents.

There will be no end-of-year Ministry or Cree School Board exams.

Information about all Online Learning Platforms, for all grades, can be accessed at:

www.eeyoueducation.ca

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

<https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

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