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Public Update on COVID-19

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Public Statement

It is imperative that as community we continue to respect directives from Public Health. The leadership would like to thank the many frontline workers who have been keeping our communities safe and providing essential services.



Cree School Board
Commission scolaire crie

Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay

The Goose Break protocol will be amended further with the assistance of the Cree Health Board to make sure that the appropriate physical distancing and other precautionary measures are taken into consideration. Special care will have to be given to how certain cultural practices are observed considering the gatherings that might be considered for Walking Out Ceremonies or Ceremonies for recognizing the First Kill.

Whapmagoostui

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Chisasibi

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Wemindji

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Eastmain

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Waskaganish

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Nemaska

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Waswanipi

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Ouje-Bougoumou

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Mistissini

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Washaw Sibi

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Eeyou Istchee remains stable with only 5 confirmed cases with the first case from Nemaska being declared recovered and the second case from Nemaska awaiting testing results to confirm being negative for COVID-19. The first Cree patient in Montreal has also been declared recovered. All remaining cases are well on their way to recovery.

There is a new Cree patient in Montreal who has tested positive for COVID-19 however the person has never left the hospital so it is very unlikely that there will be any other Cree cases in the South for example at Hotel Espresso.

Eeyou Istchee continues to have the least cases in all of Quebec which is a testament to the good contact tracing teams, cooperation of community members and health care system. The assistance of leadership in promoting physical distancing and self-isolation has been key to keeping the numbers in Eeyou Istchee low.

- 227 tests have been administered.
- 203 tests returned negative.
- 19 awaiting results.

The Cree Health Board continues to get ready and prepare for potential outbreaks as people begin to travel more for goose break should people fail to respect physical distancing at camp.

Cree School Board

The Cree School Board continues to assist post-secondary students returning home and has implemented additional measures, such as providing the May allowance for all students who were registered during the Winter 2020 term, regardless of whether they have returned to Eeyou Istchee or have chosen to remain in their place of study.

The Board will ensure that all community authorities are supplied with up-to-date information about student travel from the south, safeguarding everyone involved, the community members and students.

Eeyou Eenou Police Force

The communities and EEPF continue to collaborate to ensure respect of preventive measures to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Summer Student Employment

With the end of the academic year around the corner, students and employers looking to fill summer jobs will have various programs to select from. Opportunities for secondary and post-secondary students will be available through Apatisiwin Skills Development department. Contact your local officer for more information:

www.apatisiwin.ca

