

May 12, 2020

Public Update on COVID-19

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Public Statement

All jurisdictions throughout the world are struggling with the pressure to re-open while trying their best to protect their people. Recently, a letter was sent by the Eeyou Istchee Baie James Regional Government to the Premier of Quebec informing him that Cree and Jamesian leadership intend to work together with their respective Directors of Public Health for the purpose of identifying what measures are most appropriate for our region. Even though our region currently has a good status regarding active COVID-19 cases we cannot let our guard down. It is imperative that we continue to maintain our sacrifices to protect members of our communities, as well as the capacity of our health care system.

It is even more proper that we honour the hard work and sacrifice of our nurses by respecting physical distancing and other precautionary measures as this is International Nurse Appreciation Week.

The Cree leadership mourns the loss of its third Elder to COVID-19, one of our great leaders, Chief Fred Blackned. The thoughts and prayers are with the family of Chief Blackned and the Cree Nation of Wemindji, especially considering how difficult it will be to mourn Chief Blackned in the context of restrictions on funerals. The life of Chief Blackned and his important contribution to the Cree Nation of Eeyou Istchee as a signatory of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement will be celebrated by the Cree Nation once deconfinement measures permit. His legacy and the gifts he has left his people will continue to endure despite the challenges we may face.

Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay

Eeyou Istchee remains stable at 10 cases from the beginning of the pandemic with 5 active cases as of today. 5 have now officially recovered. It is clear that the hard work of the leadership and community members is working, explaining why Eeyou Istchee is in a very different situation than Montreal and Laval which are still seeing an alarming number of cases.

- 341 tests have been administered
- 326 returned negative
- 5 awaiting results

The first weekend of Goose Break did have 6 medivacs, with all confirmed to be non-COVID related. Since that first weekend there has only been 1 additional medivac. This represents a welcomed stability during Goose Break but people are cautioned on keeping up physical distancing and other precautionary measures. People need to do their best on social distancing and health directives while at the camp. Our successful return from Goose Break will determine our ability to take our first step towards deconfinement in June, which everyone is eagerly waiting for.

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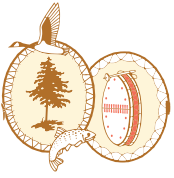
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The Cree School Board remains committed to student success throughout this challenging period with the Online Learning Platform (OLP). Parents and students can log onto eeyoueducation.ca/olp and access the appropriate grade level and language.



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For any questions, please contact your school principal. Additionally, for Secondary 4 and 5, FAQs videos and pdfs can be found on their respective OLP webpages. They can also email secondary4@cscree.qc.ca or secondary5@cscree.qc.ca.

EEPF

17 tickets issued since the weekend at house parties that required intervention. These are repeat offenders violating public health directives. Lieutenant will be visiting homeowners with local PSOs to send a message and end parties.

No officers are sick – all are healthy. Ensuring that all public health recommendations are implemented at all detachments. The EEPF has been working to secure the necessary PPE for their officers.

Working on crime prevention campaigns through social media, concerned with domestic abuse. 1-800-363-9010 toll-free line is 24 hours.

Reliable Sources

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/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/>
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.htm>

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