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Public Update on COVID-19

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Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay

Eeyou Istchee remains stable at 10 cases from the beginning of the pandemic with 4 active cases as of today. 6 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.

383 tests have been administered

373 returned negative

The Cree Board of Health will be doing more screening and testing to determine if there is any unseen transmission in the communities.

Region 10 - Nord du Quebec has had a total of 8 cases. In the last two weeks there has been only 1 case.

Region 2 - Abitibi has had 12 cases in last two weeks (most from Rouyn-Noranda)

Region 8 - Lac St-Jean has had 28 cases in last 2 weeks from (most from Saguenay)

Therefore, cases still more active in the two neighboring regions of Abitibi and Lac St-Jean.

The rest of Quebec appears to be on the downward slope. Quebec remains the epicenter in Canada. In proportion of population, we have an incident rate higher than the US, including the mortality rate. This is concentrated in Montreal. Things are improving but there is still a way to go. The number of deaths is going down and the number of cases has stabilized.

Therefore, for now, the Areas Representing a Risk are:

- Anywhere outside Eeyou Istchee and Region 10
 - 25 km South of where Rivière Coigny intersects Route 109, approximately 150 km south of Matagami;
 - 5 km South of Rapide-des-Cèdres on Route 113, approximately 20 km south of Lebel-Sur-Quevillon on Route 113;
 - 50 km South of Chibougamau on Route 167;
- Any mine site
- Any forestry camp
- Any Hydro-Quebec site

People are reminded that as they begin to travel or consider traveling it is extremely important to practice physical distancing and precautionary measures. Please also note that your community may have a more narrowly defined area where it is considered safe to travel and it is very important to remain informed of your local self-isolation requirements.

The Cree Board of Health is using two hotels in Montreal to keep low risk patients separate from patients that may have a higher risk of contracting COVID-19. The Cree Board of Health continues to improve pre-cautionary measures on transportation and isolation for return trips home.

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Cree School Board

The Emergency Childcare Services will continue to operate in the schools following Goose Break with Public Health being consulted regarding the necessary protocols.

Sabtuan Adult Education Services continues to provide academic support for their students and are preparing for opening facilities in due time.

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. Any questions can also be directed by email to secondary4@cscree.qc.ca or secondary5@cscree.qc.ca.

Apatisiwin Skills Development

For students interested in summer employment opportunities, please contact ASD's Youth Programs Officer Robyn Baxter at 418-923-2525 ext.226 or rbaxter@cngov.ca

If you are a current student or recent graduate, please take a few moments to fill out this survey from ASD before June 1: <https://apatisiwin.typeform.com/to/bDljaU>.

If you are out of employment due to COVID-19, your local ASD officer may assist you in applying for funding from government programs: <https://apatisiwin.ca/notworking-covid19/>

Eeyou Eenou Police Force

Goose breaks were authorized but few officers have chosen to take goose break The Eenou Eeyou Police Force is functional with all officers on duty. Operations are being maintained and officers are making themselves more visible.

The Director of the EEPF tabled a report for the Cree Nation and each community to show that things have remained relatively calm while tickets for breaching COVID-19 regulations continue to be issued.

Traveling Court and Hearings

The Justice and Correctional Services Department is currently assessing the courts resuming activities locally. This will be a phased approach starting with videoconference hearings until access to communities is granted for guests, like traveling court delegations.

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/olp

<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>