

June 11, 2020

Public Update on COVID-19

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Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay

The Cree Health Board is very grateful to the local leadership that continue promote the message that even as we begin to deconfine, it is still important to be cautious and to ensure that travel is only undertaken when necessary and avoid bringing children as the safest place remains in our communities and in Eeyou Istchee.

There are still no new cases in Eeyou Istchee, we are very stable in our region. It has been more than 2 incubation periods since there was a case in Eeyou Istchee. We remain with a total of 10 cases where all have recovered, and it is safe to continue Phase 1 of deconfinement.

Regular testing for COVID-19 in Eeyou Istchee is currently at:

- 484 regular tests have been administered
- 463 returned negative
- 11 waiting for results

The Cree Health Board is doing more screening tests focusing on Health Workers, patients returning home and other high-risk groups such as elder's home workers. The current Screening results are:

- 311 screening tests
- 54 awaiting results
- 257 returned negative

Neighboring regions remain stable. There were 4 new cases in Region 2 Saguenay-Las-St-Jean in the last two days, no new cases in Region 8 Abitibi or in Region 10 Nord-du-Quebec. Montreal, Lanaudiere, Laurentides and Monteregie continue to be still very active although there is a clear downward trend in cases.

Unfortunately, Ontario cases are climbing, catching up to where Quebec was. The US is experiencing flare ups due to accelerated deconfinement and protests.

Therefore, Self-Isolation as of June 9th, 2020 is not required when with travelling within Eeyou Istchee, Region 10, Region 8 and Region 2, there continues to be the exception for worksites that receive workers from Montreal. It is important to understand that this is not a retroactive recommendation. If someone is completing a Mandatory Self-Isolation for having been to these areas before they were considered safe, they must complete their self-isolation as prescribed.

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

- Anywhere outside Eeyou Istchee, Nunavik, Region 10, Region 8 and Region 2
- Any mine site
- Any forestry camp
- Any Hydro-Quebec site

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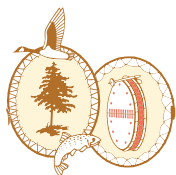
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Travelling to these Areas of Risk will require self-isolation. Travelling within Eeyou Istchee is safe but people are reminded that although you may not have to self-isolate when coming from another community you should not be planning visits or activities in communities that are not permitted under Phase 1 of the Cree Nation Deconfinement Plan, for example, you may be able to travel to a neighboring Cree community but it is not recommended to gather or visit indoors, people must remain 2 metres from one another. It is also important to keep in mind that communities may have more restrictive rules than your own community.

It is extremely important to practice physical distancing and precautionary measures. Everyone must do what they can to protect fellow community members. 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.

People are encouraged to visit www.cngov.ca/COVID-directives. On this site people can consult Directives as they become available explaining the different activities that are permissible with conditions and adaptations as the Cree Nation moves through different phases of the Deconfinement Plan.

Cree School Board

The CSB is working with the communities on how summer school can be carried out for those students who require it. Literacy-based activities are being developed for families to access during the summer.

Students are still encouraged to log onto www.eeyoueducation.ca/olp to access their assignments. The deadline to submit final assignments is tomorrow, Friday, June 12, 2020.

For assistance, please reach out to your school administration. Secondary 4 and 5 can email secondary4@cscree.qc.ca or secondary5@cscree.qc.ca

Work continues on the Post-Secondary Student Services Fall 2020 Plan for online learning of Post-Secondary students. Students will be contacted to confirm if they intend to study online or in the south for the Fall. CSB is evaluating how to support them.

The Teacher Training Program scheduled for the Fall will be maintained with adapted measures to help fulfill the local teacher shortage.

Eeyou Eenou Police Force

Officers all healthy, the two that were on precautionary isolation were cleared and back on duty.

The management of gatherings will be challenging, as definitions change but the EEPF will do their best to continue implementing local by-laws.

Last week 32 tickets, none this week so far, concentrating on local Band By-Laws.

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