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PUBLIC NOTICE on COVID-19

NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL AND INTER-REGION CHECKPOINTS

March 29, 2020 - We are pleased that the rest of Quebec will be helping us better protect our region without affecting goods and services. The SQ are working closely with the EEPF to ensure that residents of the North will always be allowed to return home. This measure will also help us in discouraging Cree hunters from going south where the situation is less stable.

As we know by now, Quebec has announced that they will be adding police checkpoints that will help implement Public Health's new directive that asks people to avoid travelling to more vulnerable areas in the north.

- Bas-Saint-Laurent
- North Shore
- Saguenay - Lac-Saint-Jean
- Gaspésie-Îles-de-la- Madeline
- Nunavik
- Nord-du-Québec
- Abitibi-Témiscamingue
- Cree Lands of James Bay

Since Saturday, March 28, and until further notice, only essential travel to these regions, including Eeyou Istchee, will be allowed. The police checkpoints that will be set up on major roads and will ask **people who do not meet these criteria to return to their home region**. The police will be stopping every vehicle and will only grant access to the following;

- essential services workers, like police officers, nurses and doctors, or anything else listed as an essential service;
- transporters delivering groceries, fuel, equipment and other goods
- humanitarian reasons, like returning home to your family
- volunteers registered to work for an organization
- a person travelling to purchase essential products, such as prescriptions
- a person travelling to a hospital or pharmacy
- it is important to understand that police may use discretion.

Currently, there are fewer positive cases in these regions, like ours who has only 1 case. This new measure is meant to protect us. By limiting entry and exit, public health authorities are confident that they can further limit and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Eeyou Istchee. Please limit your travel to what is essential only.

The Cree Health Board's Public Health Department has been active in providing us with directives on stopping the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. It is important that we continue to practice social- distancing, washing our hands often, and staying home as much as possible.

The EEPF has been collaborating with the Cree Health Board to help inform community members that **gatherings of any kind are not permitted at this time**. Your collaboration is critical so that we may all continue protecting our communities and our most vulnerable members.

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