

Cree Nation COVID-19 Response DATA




From March 18 to July 30, 2020

- **45** Leadership calls on the current situation in Eeyou Istchee:
 - Regular: 43
 - Emergency: 2
- Over **79** COVID-19 related public statements and updates for the public:
 - Public Updates and Community Updates: 37
 - Summary Infographics: 30
 - Emergency Public Notices: 2
 - Public Statements: 3
 - Public Bulletin: 5
 - Special Bulletin: 2



Social Media

Over **130** posts on our social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn) to ensure community members have the latest information about COVID-19.



Cree Nation Leadership COVID-19 Briefing Public Statement July 28, 2020

Status of Pandemic

Worldwide COVID-19 continues to spread at alarming rates. Many jurisdictions struggle to contain the virus and others are having troubles with flare-ups as they try and deconfine.

Within Eeyou Istchee, communities continue to do well, which is a testament to local leadership and more importantly to the people of Eeyou Istchee who respect and remain committed to physical distancing and precautionary measures.

With 10 cases recovered, regular testing for COVID-19 in Eeyou Istchee is currently at:

- 705 regular tests have been administered
- 687 returned negative
- 8 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:

- 834 screening tests
- 820 returned negative
- 14 awaiting results

Recently there was an instance where an individual failed to respect the Local Isolation Law and visited social gatherings. The individual caused a considerable number of people to be subject to a precautionary isolation and monopolized the time of the Public Health Department staff tracing and contacting those that are at risk. It is extremely important that people realize the burden they can place on the health administration and community members when they don't respect isolation requirements.

Education

The Cree School Board is continuously making adaption for all schools to make them safer in consideration of reopening, i.e. the Cree School Board has ordered 900 laptops for both youth and adult sectors. Further analysis will be carried out as the Cree School Board prepares for all scenarios should the need for online learning arises. In preparation for the school year, we would appreciate local feedback and participation in the planning process for reopening schools. Teachers schedule to return on **August 8th and 10th, 2020**, at that point, they will isolate for two weeks. There will be service to support them.

Adult Education is scheduled to commence on **Tuesday, September 8th, 2020**. Vocational training will move ahead with a course that can be delivered online.

Cree School Board Post-Secondary Student Services is making adaptations to allow post-secondary students to study from their community.

The Cree School Board is also working on logistics to assist students who wish to return to their place of study this Fall.

Finally, the Cree Teacher Training Program will continue this Fall as it is urgent to ensure that we have Cree teachers in our communities.

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