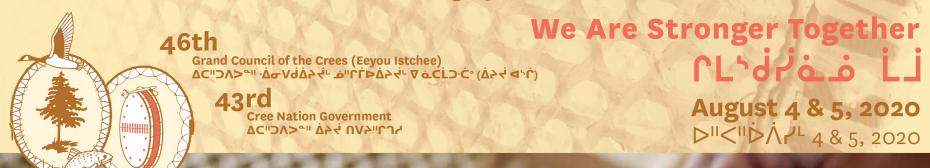
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# Cree Nation COVID-19 Response DATA From March 18 to July 30, 2020

- 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 adaptions to allow postsecondary students to study from their

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.

### Resources and Information Online

Over 100 resources and posts concerning COVID-19 for Eeyou Istchee continue to be accessible on the Cree Nation Government website:

- General Information: <a href="https://www.cngov.ca/covid-19/">https://www.cngov.ca/covid-19/</a>
- COVID-19 Updates: <a href="https://www.cngov.ca/resources/covid-public-updates/">https://www.cngov.ca/resources/covid-public-updates/</a>
- Deconfinement Directives: <a href="https://www.cngov.ca/covid-directives/">https://www.cngov.ca/covid-directives/</a>
- COVID-19 Publications: <a href="https://www.cngov.ca/resources/covid/">https://www.cngov.ca/resources/covid/</a>

#### Livestream Broadcasts

6 broadcasts related to COVID-19 are available here: https://livestream.com/accounts/8792434

- March 17, 2020 Special Board/Council Meeting on COVID-19
- March 19, 2020 Cree Health Board Question Period on COVID-19
- April 9, 2020 Cree Leadership Q&A on COVID-19
- April 15, 2020 Cree School Board Q&A on COVID-19
- April 22, 2020 COVID-19 Precautions for Goose Break
- May 25, 2020 Local Self-Isolation Laws and Deconfinement Plan

# COVID-19 Management Plans, Policies and Guidelines

- Best Practices Administrative guide
- Travel advisories for entering and leaving the communities
- Community Emergency Preparedness Plans for Pandemic Template
- COVID-19 Funeral Measures
- Goose Break Protocol
- Re-Opening of Construction Industry Guidelines
- Deconfinement Plan
- Mandatory Self-Isolation Guidelines

All documents are developed in collaboration with the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay

All documents are continuously evolving, and new versions being developed. All of these plans will be adapted as measures are de-escalated.



## **Government Relations**

- Government of Quebec: Definition of essential services.
- Government of Canada: Negotiation of funding agreement for federal assistance package
- <u>Sûreté du Quebec</u>: Negotiating with on Conditions for Authorizations of Passage at SQ Check Points
- "Letters for Students" Document
- "Letter for trappers" Document
- Transport Canada and Quebec Ministry of Public Security discussions on authorization of flights in relation to Spring Airlifts
- Makivik: Discussion on special control measures at Whapmagoostui Airport
- *Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources* Discussions on Mining Industry Protocols
- <u>Eeyou Istchee Bay James Regional Government Relations</u> Development of Joint Cree Jamesian Position on SQ Checkpoints under what conditions they should be lifted June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Industry

#### Mines

- Negotiations Newmont: "Elenore Mine COVID-19 Management
  Plan" Documents
- Assessment of "Stornoway COVID-19 Management Plan"

#### **Mining Exploration Companies**

Review and adaption of COVID-19 Management Plans

#### **Hydro-Quebec**

Review of COVID-19 Management Plan



# Local Mandatory Self-Isolations Laws

- Coordination between communities for the management of local mandatory selfisolation laws:
  - Chiefs' Committee meetings

# Continued Monitoring of COVID-19 in Eeyou Istchee

- Cree Leadership continues to closely monitor Eeyou Istchee as well as the neighboring regions.
- Continued collaboration with the CBHSSJB Public Health team as well as local leadership is critical to providing the most up-to-date information to community members and help ensure the health and safety of all.
- Washing your hands often, keeping a safe distance of 2 meters, and wearing a mask in closed public areas continue to be important measures to follow.

### Thank You!

The leadership would like to thank all frontline, healthcare, and public safety workers, as well as everyone who contributed essential services and care to protecting Eeyou Istchee.

The many sacrifices and adaptations that you have all made have helped keep Eeyou Istchee as safe as possible for our families, children, and our Elders.

It hasn't always been easy but knowing that we were in this together has given us the strength we all needed to carry us through this challenging time. Mista mikwetc!