

## Status of Pandemic

There are currently **2 new confirmed cases at Espresso Hotel in Montreal.**

- The **first positive case** at Espresso Hotel involves a **non-clinical Wiichihituwin staff member who currently lives in Montreal.** The employee's result was received on September 9 after developing symptoms in the days prior. This person is not involved in patient care and is currently in isolation; their close contacts are also isolating. This person's development of COVID-19 is clearly linked to an exposure in their personal life, outside of Espresso Hotel.
- The **second case is a Wiichihituwin patient currently staying at Espresso;** they also tested positive on September 9th after first developing symptoms on September 6th. This person and their escort are currently isolating and their clinical condition is being monitored closely by the staff at Espresso. This person's development of COVID-19 has not been clearly or directly linked to an exposure to another case.

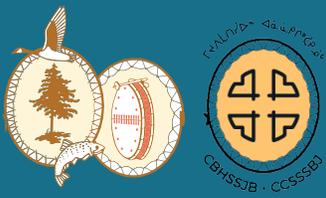
### What is being done to control the spread of the virus at the Espresso?

- For the time being, Wiichihituwin has asked **all clients and escorts now at Espresso to self-isolate in their rooms** and follow instructions provided by staff on site.
- The Public Health Department of the Cree Health Board has worked with the Montreal Department of Public Health to ensure a **mobile testing unit will be deployed on Thursday September 10 and Friday, September 11, so that we can offer testing on site,** at the Espresso itself.

### What is being done to make sure this situation does not lead to cases in the communities?

- There are, at the moment, **NO new cases on territory.**
- The **public health team is currently tracing all potential contacts of the 2 confirmed cases, including all individuals who were at Espresso Hotel and returned to their communities between September 1 and 9** (the infectious period of the confirmed cases, based on when they developed symptoms). **Testing is being organized in the communities for all these people and unfortunately these people will have to be subject to the local Mandatory Self-Isolation Laws and placed on the local registries.**

The Cree Nation leadership wishes to remind people that Self-Isolation is not meant to be a punishment but rather it is an important sacrifice we are making so that our children can go to schools in confidence, so that elders and the vulnerable can feel as safe as possible in our communities. The Cree Nation owes its gratitude to all the people who comply with local Mandatory Self-Isolation, it is hard, it is difficult, and it is an incredible demonstration of solidarity and how much we care for each other.



## Status of Eeyou Istchee

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

- 1,002 regular tests have been administered
- 973 returned negative
- 18 waiting for results

The Cree Health Board continues to make efforts to increase screening capacity 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:

- 1,181 screening tests
- 1,160 returned negative
- 21 awaiting results

The Public Health team will continue to provide support to communities and organizations in deciding which services or activities to resume and how to do it safely. Organizations may send their request to:

[18tcr.phcovidteam@ssss.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:18tcr.phcovidteam@ssss.gouv.qc.ca) or [covidrisk@cngov.ca](mailto:covidrisk@cngov.ca)

If you feel like you may need someone to talk to during these challenging times, please contact the Cree Health Board's **Psychosocial Health Line: 1-833-632-4357**. The Cree Health Board would also like to inform people that specialists with a traditional approach to healing are also accessible through the same number.

## 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:

■ [eeyouistcheecovid19.org/](http://eeyouistcheecovid19.org/)

■ [eeyoueducation.ca](http://eeyoueducation.ca)

■ [creehealth.org](http://creehealth.org)

■ [cngov.ca/covid-19/](http://cngov.ca/covid-19/)

■ [quebec.ca/coronavirus](http://quebec.ca/coronavirus)

■ [canada.ca/coronavirus](http://canada.ca/coronavirus)