

# CREE NATION COVID-19 Bulletin

## November 5, 2020

### Management COVID-19 Cases in Region 10

This is a Special Advisory to inform the people of Eeyou Istchee on the management of recent cases in Region 10, more specifically in Chapais and Chibougamau.

The first cases relate to a work site in Chapais, where the testing, contact tracing and isolation has been completed. The citizens of the Region and Eeyou Istchee can be reassured that by all indications the outbreak has been contained, no community members of Eeyou Istchee were involved in this situation.

The Public Health Department is in the process of contact tracing two more challenging cases in Chibougamau involving two families. The Public Health Department of Eeyou Istchee has volunteered to assist in the contact tracing exercise which is resulting in isolation and testing. It is hoped that with combined effort the two cases can quickly be contained. The transmission of COVID-19 among social circles versus the work context is harder to manage and requires the cooperation and collaboration of all community members.

Community leadership, Public Health and even the Government of Quebec will be asked in assisting to explain to the local population especially the residents of Chibougamau that their help is greatly needed in bringing the situation under control.

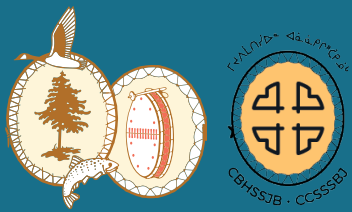
In Eeyou Istchee, although there is reason to be concerned in what is happening in a community in which we have so many social and commercial ties, travel restrictions are not anticipated nor the imposing of more restrictive measures within our communities.

This being said, community members or workers who travel to and from Chibougamau or Chapais are being asked to exercise extreme caution when travelling in these areas. Physical distancing and other precautionary measures such as masks will help along with other things we can do such as limiting travel for essential purposes or limiting social interactions when possible.

With the cooperation and collaboration of the local populations, the skill and collaboration of both of Public Health Departments there is reason to be hopeful that the situation can be brought under control.

One of the schools in Chibougamau has sent correspondence to parents to exercise caution but has not felt it necessary to close the school at this time. We have measures in places of work, schools and government buildings to protect us and if community members do what they can in limiting social contacts, there is no reason to believe that we cannot succeed and hold back COVID-19.

The people of Region 10 and Eeyou Istchee have the opportunity to be proactive and it will take everyone doing their part. More communications will be shared as soon as we have more information on how the situation evolves.



### Travelling

As a reminder, after evaluation of the **Areas Representing a Risk**, those individuals who have in the last 14 days travelled:

- anywhere outside Quebec, except for the Ontario regions of Sudbury, Porcupine and Timiskaming, which includes the municipalities of Sudbury, Timmins, Moosonee and North Bay;
- within Quebec to:
  - Region 1 – Lower-St-Lawrence
  - Region 2 – Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean
  - Region 3 – Quebec Capital
  - Region 4 – Mauricie and Centre-du-Québec
  - Region 5 – Estrie
  - Region 6 – Montreal
  - Region 7 – Outaouais (Gatineau)
  - Region 9 – North Shore
  - Region 11 – Gaspé and Magdalen Islands
  - Region 12 – Chaudière-Appalaches
  - Region 13 – Laval
  - Region 14 – Lanaudière
  - Region 15 – Laurentians
  - Region 16 – Montérégie
- any Hydro-Quebec site;
- to any mine site, please note:
  - Workers coming from the Windfall Mining Exploration Site by Osisko Mining Inc with the appropriate documentation will NOT be required to self-isolate;
  - Workers coming from the Renard Mine Site by Stornoway with the appropriate documentation will NOT be required to self-isolate;
  - Workers coming from the Éléonore Mine Site of Newmont with the appropriate documentation will NOT be required to self-isolate;
- any forestry camp, please note:
  - Workers coming from the Forestry Camp at km 105 on the James Bay Highway with the appropriate documentation will NOT be required to self-isolate effective immediately;

will be **required to self-isolate for 14 days** under the Local Mandatory Self-Isolation Laws.

Therefore, people coming from Regions 8, 10, 17 and 18 in Quebec and the regions Sudbury, Porcupine, Timiskaming and North Bay in Ontario **DO NOT** need to self-isolate under the local Mandatory Self-Isolation Laws.