# CREE NATION COVID-19 Bulletin

January 18, 2022

### **MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP**

Eeyou Istchee is clearly recovering from the most severe wave of COVID-19 to hit the territory, province and country. The leadership of Eeyou Istchee would like to thank the people of Eeyou Istchee for their sacrifice, dedication and resilience which is allowing us to see the end of this current wave and return to a more normal way of life.

There are currently two types of Isolation Protocols in Eeyou Istchee:

- **MSIL**: Mandatory Self-Isolation Laws under local jurisdictions (Currently 5 days for those with 3 doses of vaccine + test on Day 5 and 10 days for those with less than three doses + test on Day 5 to 7)
- **Medical**: Medical Self-Isolation under the Authority of the Public Health Director for our Region as per the Public Health Act (Currently 10 days regardless of vaccination status)

The people of Eeyou Istchee need to be congratulated and thanked for the very high-level of compliance that we have with both isolation protocols. For the few who do not comply there is a risk of serious consequences for breaching protocols:

- MSIL: A person arriving from an Area of Risk will have their name placed on a public registry. Breaches of this protocol can result in a fine of up to \$1,000 for first offence, up to \$2,000 for second offence and up to \$5,000 for a third offence.
- Medical: People under this protocol cannot have their name on a public registry because it is considered private medical information. Breaches of this protocol can result in a fine of \$1,000 to \$6,000 dollars under the Public Health Act.

# STATUS OF CASES IN EEYOU ISTCHEE – as of January 18, 2022 3:00PM

# PCR Test Results and Local Rapid Tests from Public Health

Community	<b>Total Cases</b>	Active	Recovered	Community	<b>Total Cases</b>	Active	Recovered
Chisasibi	131	47	84	Waskaganish	181	22	159
Eastmain	75	5	70	Waswanipi	202	24	178
Mistissini	333	209	124	Wemindji	77	14	63
Nemaska	66	10	56	Whapmagoostui	10	0	10
Ouje-Bougoumou	130	19	111	TOTAL (in territory)	1205	350	855

# **Vaccination Campaign**

Vaccination is a very important tool in protecting the community and the healthcare system. Please call your local Clinic to schedule an appointment for first, second or third dose. A minimum of 3 months is required between dose 2 and the booster (dose 3).

# Protection against COVID-19 (Omicron variant) No Vaccination 1 Dose 2 Dose 2 Dose + Booster Isolation

# Phase 1 Deconfinement in Eeyou Istchee As of December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 11:59PM

Phase 1 <a href="https://www.creehealth.org/news/four-phases-pandemic-plan-explained">https://www.creehealth.org/news/four-phases-pandemic-plan-explained</a>					
Indoor: No Indoor Gatherings					
Outdoor: No Outdoor Gatherings					
Curfew – Established by Local Council					
Education: Adapted protocols (mix of online and in person)					
Travel:					
Inter community travel prohibited					
Essential travel only					
Work:					
Essential Services Only					
(Childcare services to be provided for Essential Service workers)					

# **EDUCATION**

Cree School Board – Youth Sector is working in collaboration with Public Health on a recommended reopening plan for **February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**. Contingency plans are being re-evaluated considering the changing situation. All plans will be consulted with the local Public Safety Officer and COVID-19 Measures Committee Teams. Schools will open with updates in Scenario B with health and safety measures.

# TRAVEL FROM AN AREA OF RISK

Effective December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 11:59 PM the Cree Communities of Eeyou Istchee are considered Areas of Risk (See Map).

Individual	Requirements		
Unvaccinated	10-Day Mandatory Isolation		
1 Dose	COVID-19 Test Between Day 5-7		
2 Doses			
	5-Day Mandatory Isolation		
3 Doses	COVID-19 Test on Day 5		

<sup>\*</sup> When isolating, whether indoor or outdoor, it is important to remain at 2 meters and masked from those that are not in isolation. Please refrain from going to any public areas while in isolation or part of a contact tracing exercise.

# \*Medical Isolation after a Positive Test

- the Health Board will inform you of how long you will need to isolate (minimally 10 days from the day of testing positive)
- if you are part of a contact tracing exercise you will have to isolate for 10 days, even if you test negative
- if you cannot safely isolate in the house with people not in isolation it is imperative that you contact the local clinic.
- a summary explaining how to self-isolate can be obtained from the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay or by going to: <a href="https://creehealth.org/health-tips/medical-self-isolation-instructions">https://creehealth.org/health-tips/medical-self-isolation-instructions</a>
- tips on how to support contact tracing efforts: <a href="https://creehealth.org/health-tips/how-you-can-support-contact-tracing">https://creehealth.org/health-tips/how-you-can-support-contact-tracing</a>
- 7 things to know about Omicron: <a href="https://www.creehealth.org/health-tips/7-things-you-should-know-about-omicron-variant">https://www.creehealth.org/health-tips/7-things-you-should-know-about-omicron-variant</a>
- Understanding why Public Health must keep medical results confidential: <a href="https://vimeo.com/663171046">https://vimeo.com/663171046</a>
- Tips on how to end your medical Isolation: <a href="https://creehealth.org/health-tips/ending-medical-isolation-after-covid-19-infection">https://creehealth.org/health-tips/ending-medical-isolation-after-covid-19-infection</a>

# COVID-19 Areas of Risk For Non-Fully Vaccinated Individuals

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