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RED CRITICAL LEVEL CROSS LAKE FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021

Tansi Nitotemak, akwa Niwakomakanak, akwa Niteenimak misowweskamik ota Pimicikamak, aka misiwe Manitoba

THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA HAS EXTENDED THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RED CRITICAL LEVEL TODAY FOR ANOTHER 14 DAYS TILL JANUARY 22, 2021.

THE PROVINCIAL STATE OF EMERGENCY WAS EXTENDED ON JANUARY 4th FOR ANOTHER 30 DAYS.

THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA HAD **222 NEW POSITIVE CASES** TODAY JANUARY 8, 2021. **69 NEW CASES** IN THE NORTHERN HEALTH REGION. (30 of these are tied to Cross Lake)

As of today's date we have **6** new positive cases, making total of **40** positive cases in Cross Lake since December 29, 2021. This is now **community spread** and is not linked to only one family, this COVID -19 is linked to **18** families/households in our community. If you have been tested for COVID 19, AND If your test results come back Covid positive, it is **mandatory** to leave the community to a AIA in Winnipeg. This is for your own protection, that you will be close to a Hospital if they develop symptoms and are in need of medical attention.

If you were named as a Contact, you must Isolate for the full 14 days from your contact date.

As of today, three Rapid Response Team Nurses are still Abbot ID Testing people. The nurses are working into the evening testing contacts. Yesterday they tested 51 contacts. There is still a long list of contacts.

With this present outbreak it is becoming alarming that children are contracting the COVID-19 virus. 30% of all the people that contracted COVID-19 are children. 68% of these positive cases are adults average age of 30.2. Please keep in mind that children under the age of 19 will not be vaccinated. It is your responsibility to keep your children and grandchildren safe in your home.

This is not a laughing matter; I have been informed that some positive cases that were being flown out to a AIA were actually laughing about getting COVID. We have people out in Winnipeg that are waiting for their loved ones to wake up from COVID-19 so be mindful of your family members.

The good news from yesterday is that we have received the first dose of 200 Covid-19 Vaccines in the Community. We vaccinated our first Elder, Councillor Mervin Garrick, the first one to be vaccinated in a First Nation in Manitoba. Perhaps the Provincial Government can learn from Cross Lake that from when we received the vaccine to actually putting in the arm of our Elder was within the hour. We cannot afford to have our vaccines sitting around. We have a priority list and the priority for the 200 COVID-19 Vaccines will be Elders 70 years old and over, our Elders are the most vulnerable to get sick. Kasayak Center Clients and Staff and Home and Community Care Staff are to follow. We received 20 vials, 10 doses in each vial. We have to ensure that we always have 10 Elders ready to take the vaccine, we cannot afford to waste any vaccines.

If you are an Elder 70 years and over and would like to take the Vaccine you can call **204-676-3426**.

A COVID -19 VACCINE Notice has been relayed through the Radio Station and Cross Lake Band of Indians Covid -19 Updates on Facebook. These are frequently asked questions and answered by medical people. You can also phone the COVID-19 Hotline at **1-204-590-6739** from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., if you have questions. You can also ask your local Nurses about the Vaccine.

It is not mandatory to take the COVID-19 vaccine but is strongly recommended that you take it to protect your home, your family and your community.

- **WE REMIND EVERYBODY TO BE RESPECTFUL TO OUR STAFF, SAFETY OFFICERS, CHECKSTOP OFFICERS, ISOLATION OFFICERS, NURSING STATION STAFF, EMS, CLPPC, LEADERSHIP AS THEY CONTINUE TO WORK HARD IN KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE. BE KIND AS THIS PANDEMIC IS HARD ON EVERYONE. FOLLOW THE RULES AS WE ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT ONE ANOTHER.**

THANK YOU PEOPLE FOR LISTENING TO THE CHIEF AND COUNCIL, MAYOR AND COUNCIL AND THE CROSS LAKE PANDEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REGARDING ALL THE RESTRICTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN IN PLACE AND THE RESTRICTIONS AND GUIDELINES THAT CONTINUE TO BE IN PLACE FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY. YOUR WELL BEING IS OUR PRIORITY.

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