



CROSS LAKE BAND OF INDIANS

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RED CRITICAL LEVEL FOR CROSS LAKE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021

As of today, February 17, 2021, **76** new cases of the virus have been identified in Manitoba. **44 new** cases in the Northern Health Region

The COVID 19 virus is **Community Spread** in Cross Lake. This means that it is no longer contained to families or gatherings and people are getting tested from all over the community and are testing positive. We have “Super Spreaders” people that have identified many contacts.

An Epidemiologist is in Cross Lake to search for the cause of disease, identify people who are at risk. Determine how to control or stop the spread or prevent it from happening again.

The Chief update that one positive case tested have the possibility to be the B.1.1.7 UK Variant. The Cadham Rapid Test is consistent with the B.1.1.7 UK Variant. This test was forwarded to the National Microbiology lab for further confirmation. I am happy to announce that the UK Variant is not in the community of Cross Lake.

Update as of today's date is 6 nurses will be in the community to assist Public Health in contact tracing.

The present RRT will be rotating and will be leaving and other 6 will come in to do testing. Please ensure that if you are requested to go get tested please do so. If your test comes out positive for COVID 19, you will be sent out to a AIA in Winnipeg, it is mandatory that you do. If you get rapid tested and your test is negative, you still have to stay home and isolate for 14 days. You cannot be asking to go out of your house. If your Cadham test comes back from the Lab negative, you still have to isolate for 14 days.

As of today February 17, 2021 the COVID-19 SUMMARY FOR CROSS LAKE IS AS FOLLOWS:

- **264** total positive cases in Cross Lake on Reserve from January 1, 2021
- **18** new Positive Cases today
 - Plus **5** more last night after the report
- **174 Active Positive Cases (87 of these are children)**
 - **137 Positive cases** in AIA - Alternate Isolation Accommodations (1 in Hospital)
 - **56 cases pending AIA** (Includes some close contacts)
- **300+** Contact cases since the Weekend (1 person had 40 contacts)
- **146** households affected
- 1 in ICU & 2 in Hospital (no longer contagious)

5 charters arrive today to take out people to isolations.

The Rapid Response Team are set up at the Cross Lake Arena to expedite the process of testing and to assist in the contact tracing. The RRT will be testing named contacts till 12:00 a.m. If you have been given a time to get tested, please do so.

If you require a ride to go get tested, please contact **Melissa Scott (204)939-3909** to arrange for transportation. If you require a ride to the Airport to go to AIA please contact Melissa Scott (204) 939-3909.

A Covid Support Line Dispatch Center is presently being set up and will be up and going effective tomorrow. The start time will be from 8:00 a.m. to 6: 00 p.m.

Marilyn Miles (204)676-2818

- People needing shoppers who are in isolation; she will take names and touch base with the shoppers from there.
- People needing rides for shopping as per district area and schedule a ride for them by contacting the drivers
- People requiring Fogging in their homes, times will be scheduled
- People requiring Pharmacy Pickups. She will take names and contact drivers to do this.
- Elders and Isolators requiring wood she will contact the person and relay information.

VACCINATIONS:

Elders are getting their second dose of vaccinations starting this evening. If you have been called to go in to get vaccinated, please ensure you still go to your appointment. For the Elders that have not been vaccinated and want a vaccination we will put you on the list for the next batch of Vaccines when they come to the community. Date and time will be announced sometime in March.

People, you are asked to stay home in your house. We are on lockdown and people will not be allowed to roam in the community. Only essential services will be allowed to pass. Please talk to your family that they follow the rules as well. Check Stops are in place for a purpose, to regulate in community travel. We all have a responsibility to ourselves, our families, our community. God Bless our Community.