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RED CRITICAL LEVEL FOR CROSS LAKE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021

As of today, February 18, 2021, **139** new cases of the virus have been identified in Manitoba. **75 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.

I am happy to announce that the UK Variant is not in the community of Cross Lake. But as a community we are still in a critical stage. We are seeing far too many vulnerable people being tested positive, children, Elders and people with chronic illnesses. These are the people we should be protecting. We cannot afford and continue to put them at risk. As of today we have over 200 positive cases.

We have continuously requested from the Government of Canada and the Province to intervene in our situation. As a result, tomorrow we will have people coming in from ISC, Province, MKO, AMC, CAF Rangers to come and assess and visualize our situation in the community.

As of today February 18, 2021 the COVID-19 SUMMARY FOR CROSS LAKE IS AS FOLLOWS:

- **294** total positive cases in Cross Lake on Reserve from January 1, 2021
- **24** new Positive Cases today
 - **17** were from last night after the report
- **204 Active Positive Cases (87 of these are children)**
 - **161 Positive cases** in AIA - Alternate Isolation Accommodations (1 in Hospital)
 - **64 cases pending AIA** (Includes some close contacts)
- **146** households affected
- **3** in ICU & **4** in Hospital

9 charters arrive today to take out people to AIA in Winnipeg.

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 set up and is up and going effective today. 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, it started yesterday. 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.