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## **RED CRITICAL LEVEL FOR CROSS LAKE**

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2021**

As of today, February 23, 2021, **76** new cases of the virus have been identified in Manitoba. **21** 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. Many of these contacts are becoming symptomatic, meaning they are getting sick from COVID-19.**

### **As of today February 23, 2021 the COVID-19 SUMMARY FOR CROSS LAKE IS AS FOLLOWS:**

- **276 total** positive cases in Cross Lake on Reserve from February 8, 2021
- **16 new** Positive Cases (2 more from yesterday & 14 new today-all Rapid tests)
- **176 Active Positive Cases (116 of these are children)**
  - **134 Positive cases** in AIA - Alternate Isolation Accommodations
  - **30 cases pending** AIA (Positive plus some close contacts)
  - **99 cases Recovered**
- **200+** households affected
- **3 in ICU, 3 in Hospital**
- **1 Deceased**
- **28%** of cases have a chronic condition
- Approximately **6.4%** of Cross Lake Community Members have been diagnosed with Covid-19 virus.

As a result, and the outcome of our meeting with the Government Officials that came to visit and assess our Community: The following will be deployed today and will be in the community tomorrow. Some CAF personnel are already in the community.

- 26 from Canadian Arm Forces arrived today (14 days, assessment on day 7, & day 14)
- 30 from AMC Ambassador Program will arrive on Thursday (for 21 days)
- 7 from Special Search and Rescue arrived today
- FNIHB
- ISC

We are presently in the process of waiting for the approval for Mental Health Wellness Mobile Clinics for our community to help assist our Mental Wellness Team in Cross Lake.

The following general tasks are what will be performed by the CAF.

- Integrate into the local Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) in the community to coordinate activities with the Chief, Band Council, Mayor & Council, Pandemic Team and other government partners;
- Conduct wellness checks with-in the community in support of COVID-19 response, transport to AIA sites and pre-evacuation vitals;
- Support the planning for, establishment of, and initial staffing, including limited civilian patient care, for an AIA with the Cross Lake Community; and
- Support public awareness on health measures in effect and COVID-19 mitigation measures.

The CAF deployment is for a period of up to 14 days and an assessment will be performed on days 7 and 12.

**EOC (*Emergency Operations Centre*)** *located at Community Council Office*  
**(204)676-2288**

People that are staying in AIA (Winnipeg) have volunteers to help them as much as possible to their needs. Flora and Walter Richard can be contacted at 1-204-806-2388.

People in AIA can contact the Turtle Team for your immediate needs and they will advocate for you and bring what you require.

#### VACCINATIONS:

We will get further information to the Vaxport Mass Clinic in Thompson and will update the community. No one is forced to take the vaccine but we strongly recommend to keep our community safe.

Ekosani, stay safe, wear a mask, social distance, wash your hands.