



# CROSS LAKE BAND OF INDIANS

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## RED CRITICAL LEVEL FOR CROSS LAKE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021

The Community of Cross Lake is not in a good place in terms of COVID-19 in the community and the community spread of this virus. We are at 74 positive cases from the Christmas Holidays. It is alarming that we have more positive cases than our first cluster back in October. Our first positive case in the community was October 23, 2020. We went into Full Lockdown to contain the Community Spread at that time. People were diligent in ensuring that public guidelines were being followed and we were able to contain it as soon as we could.

**Today, unfortunately we have 78 positive cases and 42 households that are exposed and have/had covid contacts in their homes.** This is a result of people gathering larger than 5 during the Christmas Holidays, this is a result of people having house parties, this is a result of people having Birthday Parties. You cannot have a gathering of more than 5 people.

The only way we can contain this is to stay at home. Only go out if you have to do your shopping or pick up mail. Absolutely no visiting in different households. Koskwatapik, koskwaceek !

This is a result of people that were identified as contacts not staying at home to self isolate as told.

### As of today January 20, 2021 the COVID SUMMARY FOR CROSS LAKE IS AS FOLLOWS:

- 78 positive cases in Cross Lake
- 4 new cases as of today's date. (Not from the contact list)
- 41 recovered
- 4 recovered from out of town
- **Total recovered 45 cases**
- Total of 33 Positive Active Cases
- 20 children under the age of 14 tested positive (will not be able to get vaccinated)
- 118 active contacts cases (from this cluster)
- **25 positive cases** in AIA
- **8 contact cases** in AIA
- 4 positive cases pending to AIA
- 42 households affected
- 1 in ICU (no longer contagious)

22 contacts were to be tested today as to the outcome of the Funeral in the community.

12 contacts will be tested on Thursday contacts from the community positives.

Public Health is overwhelmed with trying to keep up with the all the contact tracing that is happening in the community. Cross Lake Health Services will assist by placing some HCA's to assist.

The Isolation Officers are also assisting in this process. Public Health has identified 42 households and will be monitored by the Isolation Officers. Please stay at home.

If you feel ill, please do not hesitate to call the Nursing Station at 204-676-2011. It is important that you do not wait, you will get swabbed for COVID-19.

People are smuggling people into the community. If you are caught or found out to be true, you will be charged under the Quarantine Act.

An issue has been brought forth from AIA (Alternative Isolation Accommodations) regarding some of our cases that are presently in Winnipeg. Two young men were smoking weed in their room which caused the fire alarm to go off in the AIA facility, the AIA does not allow smoking of weed or drinking of beer. This is a concern for us as Leaders in the community. We take people out for their own safety to be near a health facility/hospital if they become symptomatic and fall ill. Please be respectful to the processes put in place. It's not about only you and your actions, this reflects on you, your family and our whole community of Cross Lake. This is not a game, this is about life and death and needs to be taken seriously.

Please abide by the following guidelines:

- Wear a Mask in Public Places
- Wash your hands constantly
- Social distance of 6 feet
- No visiting in different households.
- If told to isolate by Public Health you have to isolate

Councillor Kyle Scribe is presently working on a Community Project – Ice Skating Areas in different districts. Something for the youth to look forward too.

CLEA has a Community Project that they are working on and will announce once it is complete.

**Once we go down to no positives in the community, no contacts in the community, we will be able to lift some restrictions. So please stay home in your own bubble, do not allow visitors in your home.**

Ekosani, stay safe, wear your mask, wash your hands, social distance of 6 feet

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