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FROM THE OFFICE OF CHIEF AND COUNCIL

Date: July 03, 2020

To: DCN Community Members

From: Chief and Council

RE: Driftpile Cree Nation Confirmed Five (5) Positive COVID 19 Virus Cases

It is with a heavy heart that we inform the public that Driftpile Cree Nation Health Department has been notified of five (5) positive COVID 19 cases in the Nation. As stated previously, leadership is not privy to the identification of those infected individuals but we do send our prayers for a quick recovery and healing. Our health team has advised us that all five cases have mild to moderate symptoms in self isolation and following the required guidelines.

The DCN nursing staff have conducted contact tracing of the cases and have notified those individuals for testing. If you do not receive a call for testing then you have no reason to worry at this time.

In partnership with Alberta Health Services and FNIHB testing is open to anyone who wants testing even if you have no symptoms, please call the health center if you wish to be pre-screened and to schedule an appointment at 780 355-3931. Driftpile Cree Nation has implemented additional days for testing at the DCN health center until further notice (testing will be available this weekend).

Monday to Friday 8:30 am – 4:30pm
Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

In an effort to prevent further spread of infection, please note the following;

- Asymptomatic testing; if you have not been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID 19 or someone with COVID 19 symptoms and you have no symptoms you are not required to self isolate after being tested.
- If you have one or more of COVID 19 symptoms (cough, fever, sore throat, runny/stuffy nose, congestion, shortness of breath) please call the health center to schedule a COVID 19 test as soon as possible. You are legally required to self isolate for 10 days or until symptoms are gone (whichever is longer). If you live with others in the home please try to self isolate away from anyone without symptoms.
- If you have any symptoms (cough, fever, runny/stuffy nose, sore throat or difficulty breathing) even if just for 1 day you are legally required to self isolate for the full 10 days from symptom onset date.
- Please practice physical distancing (2 meters) wear a mask when 2 metres distance is not possible; wash your hands very often with soap and water; and clean and disinfect common surfaces regularly this will help prevent the spread of the virus
- For those with mild to moderate symptoms and isolating at home, if your symptoms worsen please contact 9-1-1 or the health center at 780 355-3931

To further protect the community members, we ask that you continue to take all precautionary measures to ensure you are not at risk of contacting the virus by following the guidelines and continue with limiting contact with other people.

During this pandemic, we understand many of us have experienced feelings of stress, anxiety and depression. We want all members to know that we have set up additional support with our therapists that are available 7 days a week, you can reach them at the following numbers or leave a message and they will contact you;

Brittany Travis: 780 405-9669

Hein Swanepoel: 780 328-3916

Doreen Willier: 780 523-1492

Please continue to pray for those that are affected with the virus and the safety of our community, we have been very fortunate with the outpouring support from our members during this pandemic and we wish to acknowledge you for staying positive as we get through this challenging time yet again. Please be advised that leadership is strategizing a plan to address the positive cases, more information will follow in the coming days.

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Chief and Council