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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF AND COUNCIL

DATE: December 31, 2020

To: DCN Community Members

From: Chief and Council

Re: Covid 19 UPDATE – 6 CONFIRMED CASE IN DRIFTPILE CREE NATION- 1 RECOVERED CASE

At approximately 11:30 am this morning, CDC contacted Driftpile Cree Nation Health Department notifying (1) recovered case on COVID 19 in the Nation.

The Health Department continues the process of contact tracing to ensure containment is done effectively and efficiently. All isolated members are cooperating and working with the Health Team.

Just to clarify, we now have Six known (6) positive cases on the Nation all of whom are isolated and following all measures.

With the New Year's Eve approaching we would like to remind everyone to follow all measures outlined in Shielding Plan to ensure safety of the Nation. Please continue to follow all precautionary measures; limit gatherings (close contacts are limited to household members only), masking, hand sanitizing, washing your hands frequently, and keep social distancing a priority to ensure you are not at risk of contacting the virus.

The COVID -19 REGIONAL STATUS MAP – shows the Level of risk in each region, the rate of Covid-19 cases and the number of active cases and additional health measures in place to control the spread and respond to outbreaks. As of this morning;

Big Lakes County: 90 active cases

Municipal District of Lesser Slave River: 9 active Cases

Driftpile Cree Nation continues to be in Phase 2 (6-14 cases) of the Enhanced Community Shielding Plan which entails the following restrictions:

- Travel advisory will be upgraded to travel restrictions; residents will be encouraged to travel only for essential services. Only one exit and re-entry will be permitted per day per member for essential needs within the boundaries of High Prairie and Slave Lake. Medical appointments will not be impacted by this advisory.
- On-reserve immune compromised individuals and senior citizens (65+) will be encouraged to stay home. Supports and Services will be provided to meet their basic needs.
- All non-resident visitors will be required to register with the security registry when entering and exiting the Nation.
- All Nation offices and buildings will be closed to the public.
- Offices will remain open to staff with a rotational schedule to encourage safe social-distancing.

- Essential Services will continue.
- Nation projects involving outside contractors will continue with the use of strict guidelines, referred to as the Driftpile Cree Nation Covid-19 standard for contractors.

Continued measures of Phase 1:

- "Personal Shoppers" will be provided to the affected individuals/households for basic needs.
- A voluntary curfew between 11 pm and 7 am nightly will be encouraged.
- COVID-19 testing will be available daily through the Maggie Willier Wellness Centre.
- Daily screening will be mandatory when entering any band owned building or office.
- Masks will be mandatory in all public buildings including those not owned or operated by DCN.
- No public events, indoors or outdoors will be permitted, excluding funerals.
- Education to reinforce community safety guidelines.

Again, we would like to remind members to please stay proactive in keeping your families safe by following the preventative measures and adhering to the restrictions of the Shielding Plan. If you are feeling any flu-like symptoms please contact the health department for pre-screening and testing at 780 355-3931 and/or during the holiday season Karla Anderson, RN can be contacted at 780 507-9077.

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