Onion Lake Cree Nation
TREATY NO.6 TERRITORY

OLCN MEMBERSHIP RELEASE

February 12, 2021 for Immediate Release

COVID19 UPDATE – IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

COVID-19 Onion Lake Cree Nation Update:

On February 12, 2021 the Onion Lake Health Clinic has confirmed **11 active cases** of COVID-19 as of 4:00 p.m. at our community of Onion Lake and it is critical for everyone to do their part in "social distancing." We encourage everyone to keep doing their part, as variants of COVID-19 have been rising in Canada and spread much more rapidly. Testing can be booked Monday to Friday during regular clinic hours. Please call 811 if you have Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms to book an appointment for being tested or call the Onion Lake Health Help Line 306-500-7260.

Shutdown & Border Closure extended (same restrictions) as of February 12, 2021 at 10:00 p.m. for Onion Lake Cree Nation – February 28, 2021

As PER Directive from Onion Lake Cree Nation Chief and Council Pandemic Protocol Restrictions as follows:

- **Vehicle Passenger Restrictions – Maximum 4 per vehicle. (household members only)**
- Checkpoints will record movement of people coming and going, and only those who live at Onion Lake Cree Nation, **essential services** (i.e. Health Centre, Maintenance, etc.) **OLCN staff (as confirmed by your Director/Manager/Supervisor), and approved workers/service providers on building sites will be allowed past the checkpoints.**
- No visitation from band members or non-members not living in the community at this time.
- Curfew will be strictly adhered to between the times of 12 a.m. and 6 a.m.
- Strict adherence to curfew to be followed, no-one (including nation members), allowed into OLCN between hours of 12 a.m.- 6:00 a.m. - If people drink or gamble they can stay in the center they came from overnight or come back by 12 a.m.
- Stay Home if you are ill & Employees also stay home and do not come to work sick and do not return to work until you have been advised by the Pandemic Team to do so (according to Public Health Orders)
- No Visitors at the Elder's Lodge.
- Mandatory Masks in all Public Spaces for Onion Lake Cree Nation
- RCMP will be available to assist and curfew hours will continue to ensure unnecessary traffic is not on the highway and those breaking quarantine or isolation directed by Public Health or OLHBI, will be reported to RCMP

- $2,000.00-7,500.00 Fine for failing to comply with the Public Health Order if you are required to quarantine or self-isolate
- If further lack of compliance to Public Health Orders occur then you can be detained for the remainder of isolation period and charged under the Quarantine Act by the RCMP

- Extended SK Public Health Order – SK Health January 26, 2021-February 19, 2021
  - Households that have less than 5 people must not exceed 5 people in their home.
  - Households that have more than 5 people must not allow anyone else in their home who does not live there unless they are caregivers, support personnel, or tradespersons who is there to provide services (i.e. plumber, electrician, or other person providing a maintenance or similar service).

Drive Thru Testing Site & COVID-19 Assessment Blu Medical Tent for Onion Lake Health Centre:

Onion Lake Health Centre has Drive Thru Testing and installed a Coronavirus (COVID-19) Assessment Blu Medical tent. We also have capacity built to accommodate an increase in positive cases. It is vital to abide by the 14 day self-isolation rules when mandated and it is the only sure way to stop the spread. Please call 811 if you have Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms to book an appointment for being tested or call the Onion Lake Health Help Line **306-500-7260.**

Anyone can contract COVID-19, we are not immune, and these measures are put in place to keep our community safe. We strongly encourage anyone who is concerned they may have been exposed or have symptoms to get tested. THE SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT AND THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER HAVE LEGALLY MANDATED SELF-ISOLATION. OLCN LEADERSHIP IS IN AGREEMENT AND THERE COULD BE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES IF THIS IS NOT FOLLOWED BY THE PERSON WHO IS TO SELF-ISOLATE. SECURITY AND RCMP ARE AUTHORISED TO ENSURE THIS ORDER IS FOLLOWED ON ONION LAKE.

THANK YOU. WE ARE TRYING TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE AND HEALTHY.

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