Onion Lake Cree Nation
TREATY NO.6 TERRITORY

OLCN MEMBERSHIP RELEASE

December 4, 2020 for Immediate Release

COVID19 UPDATE – IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

COVID-19 Onion Lake Cree Nation Update:

- On December 4, 2020 the Onion Lake Health Clinic has confirmed 22 cases of COVID-19 at our community of Onion Lake and it is critical for everyone to do their part in "social distancing."

Contact tracing is already underway by the Onion Lake Health Clinic Pandemic Team. All contacted are told to self-isolate and if anyone is a close contact to a positive case they will receive a call from the Onion Lake Health Clinic or SK Public Health. Guidelines are in place on who will need to be tested.

Lockdown for Onion Lake Cree Nation – January 4, 2021:

As PER Directive from Onion Lake Cree Nation Chief and Council

- Vehicles will be restricted to those that you live with in your vehicle (your bubble – small circle) when leaving the OLCN Community for essential requirements
- No nation or program meetings/party's to be sponsored by OLCN on or in Urban settings throughout the next 6 weeks to January 15, 2021.
- RCMP will be available to assist once curfew hours 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
- New Public Health Order – SK Health November 27, 2020
  - 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 who does not live there in the home unless they are a caregivers, support personnel, or tradespersons who is there to provide services (i.e. plumber, electrician, or other person providing a maintenance or similar service).
- No visitation from band members or non-members not living in the community at this time.
- Curfew will be strictly adhere to between the times of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.
  - Strict adherence to curfew to be followed, no-one (including nation members), allowed into OLCN between hours of 2200hrs-0600hrs.
- If people drink or gamble they can stay in the center they came from overnight or come back by 2200hrs.
- Stay Home if you are ill

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- Do not come to work sick and do not return to work until you are 48 hours symptom free after any illness
- Checkpoints will record movement of people coming and going, and only those who live at Onion Lake Cree Nation, essential services OLCN staff (as confirmed by your Director/Manager/Supervisor), and approved workers/service providers on building sites will be allowed past the checkpoints.
- All Community Events Cancelled
- Full School Closures
- No Visitors at the Elder's Lodge
- Mandatory Masks in all Public Spaces for Onion Lake Cree Nation
- All Departments and Offices will be closed to the public, and any cheques that need to be picked up please call the office ahead of time and we will bring to your vehicle – Essential Services only
- Non-essential travel is restricted for ALL OLCN Staff
- The COVID protocol for returning incarcerated individuals to be followed

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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