



The Cree First Nation of Waswanipi

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL PERSONNEL
FROM: NAOMI AWASHISH, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES
SUBJECT: COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE OFFICE CLOSURE
DATE: MARCH 16, 2020
CC: JONATHAN SUTHERLAND, DIRECTOR GENERAL

Following the decision of the Chief and Council, we are implementing the precautionary measure that was recommended in closing all the Cree First Nation of Waswanipi buildings to the public from March 17, 2020 to March 30, 2020 or until further notice.

All employees are asked to stay home and to remain on call should your service be required during this period. You will be remunerated but you must report daily to your supervisor and be available upon request to come work as per your normal working schedule.

If you become unable to work because of sickness, you must consult immediate with the professionals by calling the clinic and follow up with your supervisor. Also make sure you provide a medical certificate to ensure the unavailability is justified.

We are recommending that we all stay in the community and at home as much as possible. However, if you need to supply with food and necessities, we do not want you to travel beyond Val d'Or or Chibougamau as the COVID-19 virus has now reached Quebec City and Mont-Laurier.

This is not a holiday. This is a very important and serious action we are taking to keep our community safe and healthy.

Should you be found not complying these conditions, you will lose your remuneration and disciplinary measures will be applied.

The Essential Services have a specific schedules to follow and must advise immediately your supervisor should any problem, issue or concerns arise regarding the execution of their functions.

To those that are asked to work during this period, you will be compensated in addition to the normal remuneration that all employees will be receiving.



As stated in the public notice, the Management Committee along with the Emergency Preparedness Committee will be working and will be available to provide assistance, advice or direction as the situation progresses.

We will update of any new development or changes that the Cree First Nation of Waswanipi takes as the time goes by.

In the meantime, here are the Essential Services that you may contact for emergencies;

- Waswanipi CLSC 819-753-2511
- Eeyou Eenou Police Force 819-753-2553
- Waswanipi Fire and Rescue 819-753-2411
- Public Works Roads/Garbage/Water 819-753-7207
- Rental Housing Maintenance 819-753-7129

We cannot stress enough about the importance of all to be responsible and follow the instructions that we are given. Sanitize your homes, clean your hands and take precautions if you are sick. Check up on the elders make sure they have what they need and provide awareness to our children and youth.

If you need more information or have some questions, feel free to contact me at the office 819-753-2587 ext. 229.

“As of today, there are NO confirmed COVID-19 cases in Eeyou Istchee.”

Let's keep it that way!

Stay Home & Save Lives