



Onion Lake Cree Nation

TREATY NO.6 TERRITORY

OLCN MEMBERSHIP RELEASE

April 3, 2020

for Immediate Release

COVID19 UPDATE – IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Key Messages:

Onion Lake Cree Nation (OLCN) Chief and Council understand the crisis that is affecting our community, and there is a need for leadership to move forward with increasing measures to protect the Health and Well-Being of our community and all of our loved ones that live with us during this COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. The decision that was taken was done with careful thought for all of those that live here and work here at OLCN, please take this action as an indication that your leadership is implementing these measures with your best interest in the forefront of all actions being taken as it relates to your Health and Well-Being.

Closing Border for Onion Lake Cree Nation – Lockdown:

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY as PER Directive from Onion Lake Cree Nation Chief and Council

- Upon review of the ongoing crisis of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, the Onion Lake Cree nation Chief and Council move and support the implementation of a 24hr Lockdown of the borders of OLCN
- To begin check-stops and monitoring of entry ways, and whereas the RCMP will be available to assist once curfew hours are effective to ensure unnecessary traffic is on the highway.
- Furthermore, that all departments will be requested to assist during daylight hours that are able and capable to secure roadways.
- Vehicles will be restricted to 2 people to a vehicle to leaving the OLCN Community for essential requirements
- Curfew will be strictly adhere to between the times of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Self-Isolation:

- It has come to the attention of Chief and Council and the OLCN Administration that OLCN Community members are gathering and are not following the “social distancing” restrictions
- Restrictions include the following: No gatherings with more than 10 people are allowed, including - Worship gatherings; family events, such as weddings and funerals; social gatherings (i.e. but not limited to card playing, etc.) including gatherings that are outdoors
- We strongly encourage that there is no loitering in public spaces, such as the gas station and that you stay 6 feet or 2 meters apart when going to public places for groceries, gas, etc.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER:** Person who is self-isolating means staying at home and avoiding situations where spread of infection is possible – work, school, visiting, people in to visit you, public spaces (shopping).
- Ask family or friends to pick up food and other supplies for you.
- Restrict contact even within the home – eat at different times, if sharing a bathroom it must be cleaned after each use, close the toilet lid before flushing, open bedroom windows for good airflow.
- If you live alone – try to have someone phone regularly to check up on you – they should not come over.
- If you develop the following symptoms – fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath – please call 811 and follow their directions.



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- If you require urgent medical care for any reason please call 911.

As part of our Pandemic Plan implementation, we are introducing a **Community Based Awareness System** using **Coloured Placards for your Homes**. It is on voluntary basis, community may use colored placards/paper for Homes (individuals may use this in your home and you can make these yourself, and it is a voluntary system to help with your needs and keep you and your loved ones safe – Please make them large and the colors recognizable so that it can be seen from 6 feet away or from a vehicle).

- Individuals are still responsible to call 811 and/or 911
- Families are encouraged to check up on each other daily and provide supports, as you know your families best (telephone/cellular use may be unreliable at times, and this can support communication when needed)
- This is to help when Family/Volunteers/Essential Services approach your home and have the ability to be made aware of various situations before they come to the door.

To help with the Community Based Awareness System (i.e. self-isolation, etc.), where families will place colored placards/paper in the window to let Family/Volunteers/Essential Services Providers know various situations such as:

The Coloured Placard Community Based System is as follows:



GREEN Everything is Fine



Yellow I have Flu-like symptoms



Red Self-Isolating/ Vulnerable

May be restricting visitors because have underlying health conditions; may be self-isolating because of recent travel; may be self-isolating because have family that have underlying health conditions and using preventative measures.



White Need Something – Please Specify (ex: Medication, Groceries, etc);
Provide a list: advise of Pharmacy used (medications) in the mailbox and/ or what you need; provide cell number to text if possible or if landline available



Black Have a deceased person and need body removal

Onion Lake Cree Nation Leadership, Administration and the Pandemic Team continue to get updates daily and is doing everything we can now to help prepare our Nation for a Covid-19 response that meets the direct needs of our people.



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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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