



BRIEFING NOTE

UPDATE: SLHCC Covid-19 Update

DATE: September 9, 2020

BACKGROUND: The first Covid-19 Case was identified on the Saddle Lake Cree Nation on September 6, 2020. The individual was located on September 7, 2020. Contact tracing began immediately. The Public Health Team Lead by the Nurse in Charge (NIC), the NIC continued with drive through testing.

CURRENT STATUS: As a result of the Contact Tracing and the Drive through testing two (2) additional cases have been identified. A total of three (3) cases of Covid-19 are on Saddle Lake Cree Nation.

The Saddle Lake Health Care Centre has received extra Nursing Supports to assist with the continued Contact Tracing and Covid-19 Testing. The Nurse in Charge has daily briefings with the SLHCC Public Health Team and Dr. Chris Sarin, the Deputy Medical Officer of Health, FNIB.. There are two Environmental Health Officers in Saddle Lake Cree Nation to provide extra support and guidance.

It is important for Saddle Lake Cree Nation members to continue with social distancing, frequent hand washing, and sanitization. Masks are required to be worn in public places. Hand Sanitizer should be readily available in each public space and used prior to entering any SLCN facilities and stores. Visiting should be limited. The goal is to reduce the risk of the spread of Covid-19.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Throughout the next few days, the Contact Tracing Team will be phoning or making home visits to houses. We strongly urge all contacted community members to cooperate by providing the necessary information and follow the recommended 14 days of Self-Isolation; possibly longer if you develop symptoms.

We can continue to do our part in the prevention of spreading Covid-19 on our Nation. The elders and children of Saddle Lake Cree Nation are an important part of our families; we must follow all recommended precautions to keep them safe.

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