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CHIEF AND COUNCIL NEWS BULLETIN #4 – COVID-19 UPDATE

Chief and Council of the Montreal Lake Cree Nation (MLCN) will be providing regular updates on the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic to our membership as new information becomes available.

Government of Saskatchewan (As of March 20, 2020)

- All COVID-19 orders from the Government of Saskatchewan are the law, they must be followed and that law enforcement agencies will enforce those orders.

- The following measures are effective immediately:
  - Public gatherings of more than 25 people in one room are not allowed, except if there is two metres distance between people, and workplace and meeting settings where people are put into multiple rooms or buildings.
  - Grocery stores, drug stores and gas stations will remain open.
  - All nightclubs, bars, lounges and similar facilities are closed.
  - Take out food is allowed if there is two metre distance between customers and the restaurant/fast food place.
  - Classes in all educational institutions are suspended.
  - Visitors to long-term care homes, hospitals, personal care homes, and group homes shall be restricted to family visiting for compassionate reasons.

- Mandatory Self-Isolation
  - Effective immediately, all persons that have travelled internationally shall go into mandatory self-isolation for 14 days from date of arrival back into Canada.
  - All persons who have been identified by a Medical Health Officer as coming into close contact with COVID-19 person(s) shall go into mandatory self-isolation for 14 days from the date of being exposed to COVID-19.
  - All persons who have become symptomatic while on mandatory self-isolation shall call the Health Line at 811 and follow Health Line’s directives.
  - All persons who are household members of a person having laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 shall immediately go into mandatory self-isolation, call Health Line at 811 and follow Health Line’s directives.

- Effective March 23, 2020
  - All restaurants, food courts, cafeterias, cafes, bistros and similar facilities will be closed. Exceptions are take-out with two metre distancing between customers during pick-up; drive through food services; delivery of food products; soup kitchens, not-for-profit community and religious kitchens with two metre distancing between tables.
  - All recreational and entertainment facilities including fitness centers, casinos, bingo halls, arenas, curling rinks, swimming pools, galleries, theatres, museums and similar facilities will be closed.
  - All personal service facilities including hairdressers, barbers, manicurists, pedicurists, suntanning parlours, etc. will be closed.
➢ Dental, optometrist, chiropractic and registered massage therapy will be closed.
➢ All daycare facilities are limited to a maximum of eight children.

Council, Pandemic Response Team and MLCN Urban Services Inc. are working together to meet the immediate needs of our members. For further information, please contact the following:

1. MLCN On-Reserve - Clifford Bird, Director of Health at (306) 981-1491
2. MLCN Off-Reserve – Charlotte Ross, Chair of MLCN Urban Services Inc. at (306) 281-9462

Teniki and stay safe everyone!