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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

On October 6, 2020; Maskwacis Health Services notified Ermineskin Director of Management of an individual of the Ermineskin Cree Nation who has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual had mild symptoms and was asked to self-quarantine since being tested on September 28th.

Maskwacis Health Services have already conducted contact tracing and have contacted those who were in close contact with the individual. Those individuals are asked to self-isolate for the 14 day and self-monitoring. Maskwacis Health Services are and will be doing active daily monitoring with all involved.

Leadership and Maskwacis Health Services want to ensure community members that there is no immediate threat to the public but to ensure that you follow public health protocol such as:

- **wearing a face mask in the public,**
- **maintain Social distancing.**
- **clean commonly touched surfaces,**
- **frequently wash hands for 20 seconds,**
- **avoid contact with sick individuals, and**
- **stay home if feeling sick.**

We also ask members to refrain from posting concerns or reporting individuals on Social Media, as it can lead to panic and stress. Maskwacis Health Services work very close with individuals to ensure the safety of our community.

Please refer to the Maskwacis Health Services and Ermineskin Cree Nation website and social media pages for official information regarding COVID-19. Ermineskin Cree Nation Emergency Operations Committee (EOC) has been preparing for such a situation from the beginning and all procedures and protocols are being followed to ensure the safety of the community.

If you have travelled outside of Alberta, experience fever, cough, shortness of breath or have symptoms of a respiratory illness (regardless of travel), even if mild, stay home and contact Maskwacis Health Services at 780-585-3830. Also Health Links –is available for questions or medical concerns at 811 or Toll free: 1-888-342-2471 <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca>.

We would like to ensure the Nation that our Maskwacis Health Services and Ermineskin Emergency Operations are doing their due diligence and are taking all the necessary precautions to prevent further contamination.

We all need to work together to ensure the health and safety of our nation. Stay vigilant, stay safe, stay strong and be respectful; as we will get through this together.

Chief Randy Ermineskin & Leadership

Greg Minde Ermineskin Director of Emergency Management (DEM)