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# News Release

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## **Third Case of COVID-19 in the James Bay and Hudson Bay Region**

**Monday September 21, 2020 (Moose Factory)** - COVID-19 is a serious health threat, and the situation is evolving daily.

It was confirmed by Moose Cree First Nation Chief Mervin Cheechoo, this is the third case of COVID-19 on Moose Factory Island.

At this time, the Weeneebayko Area Health Authority (WAHA) is working with the Porcupine Health Unit and Moose Cree First Nations public health department to ensure that the individual is isolated. The contact tracing investigation is ongoing, and we are awaiting the laboratory results.

Since March 2020, when the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the global pandemic, we have all been preparing our responses to address this crisis.

The risk between and within communities varies; in the north, most communities are disproportionately affected by the lack of social determinants of health.

WAHA remains vigilant in its efforts to work cross-organizationally with the Porcupine Health Unit and all regional leadership teams.

Our goal is to ensure the safety of all our community members. We remain consistent in encouraging communities to follow the public health measures that ensure the spread of COVID-19 is contained. We are stronger together.

For more information, contact the Director of Corporate Communications and Strategic Partnerships as indicated above, visit [www.waha.ca](http://www.waha.ca) or the “Weeneebayko Area Health Authority” Facebook page.