



WEENEEBAYKO AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY

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RE: Three New Positive Covid-19 Cases and Five Resolved Confirmed in James & Hudson Bay

To our community members:

We can confirm there are three new COVID-19 cases and five resolved in our region since our last update on June 30th, 2021.

WAHA has received authorization from the leadership of Kashechewan First Nation the Municipality of Moosonee to state that these new cases are in their respective communities.

WAHA is working with Porcupine Health Unit and the local health services to ensure that the individuals are isolated, and that the contact tracing investigation is ongoing.

The new regional case count is fifty-two, thirty-nine in Kashechewan, five in Fort Albany, three in Moose Factory, three in Attawapiskat and two in Moosonee. The UK variant is known to be present in the communities.

In general, for COVID-19, a close contact is anyone who was within 2 metres or 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes during the time of infectivity. An infected person can spread COVID-19 starting 48 hours (or 2 days) before the person had any symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19. Passing a person in the hallway or in a store is generally not considered close contact and has an extremely low risk of spreading the virus. Public Health will contact you if you are considered a close contact.

At this time, we recommend that everyone continue to monitor for symptoms. If ANY symptoms develop, isolate immediately and call your local assessment centre or your health care provider to arrange testing.



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Symptoms can include:

- Fever
- Sore throat/hoarse voice
- New or worsening cough
- Loss of sense of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea, vomiting
- Runny nose/nasal congestion
- Diarrhea

In some cases, atypical symptoms could develop, such as, unexplained fatigue or malaise, muscle aches, delirium, unexplained or increased number of falls, acute functional decline, exacerbation of current chronic conditions, chills, headaches, croup, conjunctivitis.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact WAHA or the Porcupine Health Unit for more information.

To reduce the risk of exposure, please continue to follow public health measures:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Sneeze and cough into your sleeve
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth
- Stay home and isolate for 14 days if you have any symptoms
- Practice 2 m physical distancing
- Wear a mask in indoor public spaces and outdoors when physical distancing of 2 metres/6 feet cannot be maintained.

Should you have questions, please contact WAHA at 705-658-4544 or check our website for continued updates.

Thank you,

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