



**WEENEEBAYKO AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY**

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**RE: Eight Total Active COVID-19 Cases Confirmed in the James & Hudson Bay Region**

To our community members:

We can confirm there are eight (8) total **active** COVID-19 cases in our region. Please see the community case breakdown below:

<b>Community</b>	<b>Active Cases</b>
Attawapiskat	6
Fort Albany	1
Kashechewan	0
Moose Factory	1
Moosonee	0
Peawanuck	0

\*WAHA has not received updates on active cases from communities marked with an asterisk (\*)- case counts from the most recently available updates have been included for reference.

*Note on reporting cases in the region:* Total cases identified in the region are based on information provided by local communities, Porcupine Health Unit, and Indigenous Services Canada. The information presented by WAHA related to active cases may differ from other public sources due to community-level testing that does not meet the reporting criteria for PHU and ISC (such as the use of Rapid Antigen Tests). Further, communities within the PHU jurisdiction may not reflect a true representation of positive COVID-19 cases due to PHU case criteria, which follows provincial guidelines (such as omitting the number of positive Rapid Antigen Tests).

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.

