

COVID-19 UPDATE

TEMAGAMI UPDATE #15 on COVID-19

April 14, 2020

CONFIRMED CASES IN NORTHERN ONTARIO				
Timiskaming	Timmins/Porcupine	Sudbury	North Bay / Parry Sound	Algoma
10	39	38	14	10

Thank you to everyone for your participation in a non-traditional Easter weekend. We are grateful for your efforts and the sacrifices made in the fight against COVID-19.

The Municipality of Temagami is continually monitoring COVID-19 and is working closely with the Timiskaming Health Unit and community partners to take preventative measures and respond appropriately.

The Province of Ontario has extended the Provincial state of emergency until May 12, 2020.

The Province has prohibited recreational camping on Crown land. No one will be allowed to place tents or other camping structures on provincially owned lands for the duration of the order, which began on Thursday, April 9 and remains in place until at least April 23.

Please remember that The Province has placed a fire restriction over all of Ontario to help reduce the demands on emergency response systems during the COVID-19 crisis.

Dr. Glenn Cornell, Acting Medical Officer of Health/CEO of the Timiskaming Health Unit (THU), has announced that there will be an increase in the number of tests conducted for the COVID-19 virus in the Timiskaming district, as part of a targeted Northern Ontario surveillance opportunity. The surveillance program will run Monday to Friday, from Wednesday April 15 to Thursday April 30, 2020. Since the Assessment Centers do not accept walk-ins, the public is still required to call THU to book a testing appointment.

The Province has recently updated the list of possible COVID-19 symptoms to include cough, fever, difficulty breathing, sore throat/hoarse voice, difficulty swallowing, a loss of sense of smell or taste, fatigue, muscle aches, runny nose, loss of appetite, diarrhea, and nausea or vomiting. Should you have symptoms, call the Timiskaming Health Unit COVID line at 705-647-4305 or 1-866-747-4305, ext. 7 to speak to someone regarding testing. Asymptomatic people will not be tested.

The Province of Ontario has extended the restriction on business operations in Ontario until April 23. If you are not sure if your business is an essential service, please call the province at 1-888-444-3659 or visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/list-essential-workplaces>

Some financial relief for businesses is available through the Federal and Provincial Governments. Federally, please visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html> or call 1-800-622-6232. Provincially, please visit <https://news.ontario.ca/mof/en/2020/03/ontarios-action-plan-responding-to-covid-19.html> or call 1-800-267-8097.

PLEASE STAY HOME, AT YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE, ONLY ESSENTIAL OUTINGS PLEASE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND EFFORTS TOWARDS FLATTENING THE CURVE OF COVID-19.