

COVID-19 UPDATE

TEMAGAMI UPDATE #17 on COVID-19

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CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

| Timiskaming | Timmins/Porcupine | Sudbury | North Bay / Parry Sound | Algoma |
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| 12 | 50 | 43 | 16 | 12 |

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.

In partnership with the Government of Canada, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce established the Canadian Business Resilience Network to help Canadian businesses navigate the COVID-19 reality and prepare for recovery. Please visit <https://www.canadianbusinessresiliencenetwork.ca/> for more information.

The Government of Ontario is partnering with SPARK Ontario to help seniors and the most vulnerable stay connected and healthy as they self-isolate during the COVID-19 outbreak. SPARK Ontario is the province's first bilingual volunteer hub designed to direct volunteers to where they are needed most. Please visit www.sparkontario.ca for more information.

What are the stages of transmission? The term transmission refers to the transmission of microorganisms from one infected person to another uninfected person, either through direct contact, through droplets, or through indirect contact such as surface contamination. The novel coronavirus has four stages of transmission (in line with other infectious diseases):

- Stage 1 is the first appearance of the disease through people with a travel history, with everyone contained, their sources traced, and no local spread from those affected. The number of those infected would be quite low at this stage.
- Stage 2 is local transmission, when those who were infected and have a travel history spread the virus to close friends or family. At this stage, every person who came in contact with the infected person can be traced and isolated.
- Stage 3 is community transmission, when infections happen in public and a source for the virus cannot be traced. At this stage, large geographical lockdowns become important as random members of the community start developing the disease.
- Stage 4 is when the disease actually becomes an epidemic in a country, such as it was in China, with large numbers of infections and a growing number of deaths with no end in sight. It is then considered to be endemic or now prevalent in the region.

The Timiskaming Health Unit is reporting its first transmission of COVID-19 through community spread. This means that in this case the virus was contracted from an unknown source and is not linked to travel or contact with a previously known individual who tested positive. This individual is in self-isolation and their close contacts have been contacted. It is expected that transmission within the community will continue, which is why it is so important to continue to work together to stop the spread.

Dr. Glenn Corneil, Acting Medical Officer of Health/CEO for the Timiskaming Health Unit is recommending that people do not travel, including within, or out of, your own district, unless it is absolutely essential.

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.**