

COVID-19 UPDATE

TEMAGAMI UPDATE #22 on COVID-19

May 1, 2020

CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES IN NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO = 166				
Timiskaming	Timmins/Porcupine	Sudbury	North Bay / Parry Sound	Algoma
18	60	58	17	13
APPROXIMATELY 2,200 TESTS PENDING IN NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO				

Earlier this week the Ontario government launched a province wide surveillance testing initiative for all long term care home residents and staff, including those not showing any symptoms (asymptomatic). The Timiskaming Health Unit has now confirmed that two COVID-19 outbreaks have been declared at long term care homes in the district of Timiskaming. The Timiskaming Health Unit has completed contact tracing for all of these cases and if you have not been contacted you have not been in contact with these individuals.

While our numbers may appear to be small, we have the second highest number of cases per 100,000 population in Northeastern Ontario. Most, if not all, of the 6 new positive cases will fall into the category of community spread, confirming that there is more community COVID-19 spread, than was initially thought.

Please remember that Northern Ontario is tracking 2-3 weeks behind Southern Ontario and has not yet hit its peak. It remains imperative that people continue to follow public health recommendations to stay home and only go out for essential reasons.

For the safety of yourself and of those around you, please continue to follow the advice of the Premier and Health Officials by:

- Staying home, at your primary residence.
- Practice physical distancing - 2 meters away from others.
- Take personal safety precautions during any essential outings.
- If you have developed any symptoms or have been in contact with anyone who has symptoms of COVID-19, contact your local healthcare center.

The province has made some announcements regarding businesses today. The Municipality is investigating and will provide further information next week.

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

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