

# COVID-19 UPDATE

## TEMAGAMI UPDATE # 33 on COVID-19

July 9, 2020

### CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES IN NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO = 213

Timiskaming	Timmins/Porcupine	Sudbury	North Bay / Parry Sound	Algoma
18	67	67	37	24

Public health units are no longer consistently reporting on the number of pending tests within each region.

In lieu of an in-person update to the media, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, issued the following statement July 7, 2020:

*"Until there is a vaccine or effective treatment, the virus will continue to circulate in our communities. Restarting social and economic activities in the time of COVID-19 is all about striking a balance - resuming priority activities and services with appropriate controls in place to limit both the health and societal impacts of the pandemic. Jurisdictions across the country are moving slowly and cautiously as they strive for an appropriate balance, keeping a close eye on the local epidemiology of COVID-19.*

*During this reopening phase and as we move forward, individuals will continue to play a key role in controlling the spread of COVID-19. There are steps all Canadians can take to reduce the risk to ourselves and each other:*

- stay home and away from others if you are sick, even if symptoms are mild*
- wash your hands often*
- cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your sleeve*
- keep two metres apart from others who are outside of your close contact bubble*
- wear a non-medical mask or face covering in situations where physical distancing may not be possible*
- regularly clean and disinfect surfaces and objects, and*
- protect vulnerable family, friends and contacts by finding virtual ways to connect and support those who at higher risk for severe outcomes of COVID-19.*

*Remember to avoid or strictly limit time spent in high risk settings including:*

- Closed spaces with poor ventilation*
- Crowded places with large numbers of people gathered*
- Close-contact where you can't keep an optimal two-metres physical distance apart from others*

*Living with COVID-19 means remaining aware of the risks for exposure in your area and making informed decisions based on the advice and recommendations of your local public health authority. The local epidemiology in each jurisdiction drives what public health measures are required and which activities are permitted. A province or region experiencing more widespread transmission in the community may ask residents to take different measures than in an area where any outbreaks are localised to closed settings."*

#### **Local Updates:**

**We realize that it is camp fire season and although there is not a fire ban in place, we ask that you please be extra cautious if you are having a camp fire. The Ministry of Natural Resource's Fire Teams have been very busy with the fires that have been started due to lightning strikes, and with the impending storms being called for, they will continue to be quite busy.**

**We are aware that many of our residents are proactive and quite helpful when they are made aware of a fire on the lakes, not accessible by our departments, thank you all. Please also remember to keep your physical distance. Please ensure that when the MNR is able to get to the scene you allow them to do their jobs and take charge of the situation.**

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