



**Department: Fort William First Nation CEO
Subject: COVID-19 Community Update**

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NOTICE TO COMMUNITY: COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE

This memorandum will serve to update the community of Fort William First Nation on active cases, self-isolation situations, and the coming vaccines to the community.

With regards to the two positive cases in our community that were recently reported, one case has now been resolved, completing their self isolation period at a local hotel. The second positive case is still active, isolating at a local hotel and coming close to being resolved. There are still a number of self isolation households that are under our surveillance. Testing has been completed at all households with many results coming back as negative. There are no further positive cases to be reported. We are taking all necessary precautions in the positive and self isolation cases to prevent further spread of the illness. At this time, no further information regarding the cases will be disclosed in order to protect their right to privacy.

Vaccines for COVID-19 are coming closer to our community through the Thunder Bay District Health Unit. Our Emergency Response Group have setup a working group and led by our Community Health Representative and Community Health Nurse so that it is given out to those that are identified as a priority. The top of this list is our elders who will be first served. They will be given to those elders that are oldest and continuing to those that lesser aged in five year increments. Further updates will be sent to the community via newsletters and postings to our website which has a dedicated section for vaccines located at:

www.fwfn.com/covid-19-action-plan/

We ask that members continue to respect the stay at home orders, to remain in their homes and only leave for necessities. This also means that you should not be letting individuals outside your household into your home. There are exceptions for individuals living alone. Please self-monitor for any indication of symptoms related to COVID-19. If you believe you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, please contact the COVID-19 hotline at 698-0415 during normal operating hours (Monday – Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm) or during after hours at our Family Support line, 472-7701.

If you have any questions, please see contact information below.

Respectfully,

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