

Department: Fort William First Nation CEO
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NOTICE TO COMMUNITY- Update on COVID-19 from Emergency Response Group




As of January 24, 2022 there are 10 confirmed cases of COVID 19 in the Fort William First Nation Community. As of Friday January 21, 2022- Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU) has changed their approach to reporting. The updates will available at www.tbdhu.com/coviddata. As of Jan. 24, 2022 the TBDHU is reporting 355 Active Lab-Confirmed Cases. NOTE: As of December 31, 2021, testing for COVID-19 has been limited to the most vulnerable and individuals associated with the highest risk settings. This means that confirmed cases will significantly underestimate the true number of people with COVID-19 in the TBDHU region.

The Fort William First Nation Emergency Response Group strongly recommends anyone who tests positive for COVID 19 to report to the FWFN COVID 19 hotline at 698-0415 (MON-FRI, 9:00am-4:00pm) or after hours please use the FWFN on-call service 472-7701. If anyone is experiencing difficulty with breathing, severe chest pain, feeling confused or unsure of where you are or losing consciousness, call 911 immediately and go directly to the hospital.

The FWFN Emergency Response Group strongly recommend those who are eligible to get vaccinated and to get the booster dose. COVID-19 Vaccination Appointments are available by contacting the FWFN Health Center at 622-8802. Also, Individual's age 18 and older can now schedule their booster dose appointment through the Ontario booking portal or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900.

Ontario has moved to a modified **Step Two** of the Roadmap to Reopen. Effective on January 5th, 2022 at 12:01am. With key public health and health care indicators starting to show signs of improvement, Ontario has released details of its steps to cautiously and gradually ease public health measures, starting on January 31, 2022. The months ahead will require continued vigilance, but together, we can prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. Continue to follow public health measures and get vaccinated as soon as possible.

Ontario cautiously and gradually easing public health measures

 January 31	 February 21	 March 14
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social gathering limit of 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors• Capacity limit of 50% in indoor public settings, including restaurants• Spectator capacity limit of 50% or 500 people (whichever is less) at facilities such as sporting events and concert venues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social gathering limit of 25 people indoors and 100 people outdoors• Removing capacity limits in indoor public settings where proof of vaccination is required• Capacity limit of 50% at spectator events, including sporting events and concert venues• Increasing indoor capacity limits to 25% in higher-risk settings where proof of vaccination is required, including nightclubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase social gathering limits to 50 people indoors with no limits for outdoor gatherings• Lifting capacity limits in all indoor public settings. Proof of vaccination will be maintained in existing settings.• Lifting remaining capacity limits on religious services

Dates are subject to stable or improving health indicators





Due to the serious surge of COVID-19 cases right now within the City of Thunder Bay we are asking everyone to make their greatest effort to take these everyday steps to reduce exposure to the virus and protect your health:

- Reduce your contacts
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Sneeze and cough into your sleeve
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Stay home and self-isolate if you are sick (not related to getting a COVID-19 vaccine in the last 48 hours). Talk with a doctor if necessary.
- Wear a mask, and wear it properly. Over your Mouth AND Nose

Please continue to stay safe. We are all in this together as a community and we will get through this as a community.

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

Respectfully,

Michael D. Pelletier, Chief Executive Officer

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COVID-19 Information & Communication Lines

- Call (807) 622-8802 during office hours or the on-call phone after hours (807) 472-7701
- Email: luanne@fwfn.com
- Website: <https://fwfn.com/covid-19-action-plan/>