

## CD Unit COVID-19 Weekly Teleconference Notes

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

10:00 EST / 09:00 CST

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### COVID-19 in Ontario

- COVID-19 continues to circulate in Ontario with increased cases being reported, including cases identified as variants of concern (VOC) of the virus
- Ontario remains in [shutdown](#) and on 12 Jan 2021 Ontario declared a second [Provincial State of Emergency](#) with additional restrictions and measures including a stay at home order
- On 29 Jan 2021 the province announced [additional measures](#) including testing international travelers, sequencing, and case and contact management

**Public health measures like watching your distance, washing your hands, and wearing a mask remain very important**

- Avoid crowded places, close contact, and closed spaces
- Avoid gathering, and keep 2 m distance from those not in your household
- Wear a [face covering](#) (cloth mask, non-medical mask) when running essential errands
- Stay home and self-isolate if you are sick, feel unwell, or [have symptoms](#) of COVID-19

### Guidance Documents

The [Ministry website](#) still provides guidance documents and information about COVID-19 (last updated 25 Jan 2021)

The [COVID-19 Vaccine-Relevant Information and Planning Resources website](#) provides most of the resources shared around COVID-19 vaccine for Ontario (last updated 26 Jan 2021)

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Screening and Consent Form](#) V1.0 (23 Jan 2021) was posted to the website 27 Jan 2021
- COVID-19: Vaccine Storage and Handling Guidance V2.0 (01 Feb 2021) was distributed and will soon be posted to the website

### Further Information

[Vaccine information](#) from the Government of Canada  
COVID-19 [vaccine safety information](#)

The Public Health Ontario ([PHO](#)) website posts evidence summaries, scientific paper reviews, fact sheets and further information

An [infographic about variants](#) from ECDC

## **COVID-19 FNIHB-OR Epi Report**

- As of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 4:00 pm we have 549 First Nations confirmed cases that is 61 more cases than last week. We currently have 83 active cases in 18 communities. Five communities have active cases over 9.
- Since the beginning of the pandemic, there have been 3 deaths. Two deaths occurred in the first wave and one occurred recently.
- In total, 12,549 tests have been reported to FNIHB-OR.
- A grand total of 34,350 tests (including tests done in SLFNHA and WAHA areas).
- As of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, Ontario reported an increase of 1,969 cases of COVID-19. The number of hospitalizations decreased to 1,158. Less patients are in the ICU from 397 to 354 and less patients are on a ventilator from 283 to 260.
- As of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, 344,546 COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered in Ontario. That is 2.3% of the population.
- 75 out of 116 (65%) communities reported holding influenza immunization clinics. A total of 7,513 Influenza vaccines have been administered (10.9% coverage rate within reporting communities). Last Flu season we had a 9.1% coverage rate within reporting communities.
- To date, no influenza cases have been reported to FNIHB this flu season.

## **FNIHB CD Unit Activities**

### **COVID-19 Recommended Public Health Follow up for CHNs**

- Has been updated with changes in the MOH: Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario January 12, 2021 (v11.0) (see below)
- Has been sent out and update is available on Onehealth.ca
  - **Ministry of Health Guidance Document update**
  - [MOH: Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario January 12th, 2021 \(V11.0\)](#)
    - **Updates:**
      - Update to management of probable cases
      - Information on vaccine history and entering vaccination data for cases
      - Updates to methods of case status monitoring
      - Information on vaccination history and entering vaccination data for contacts
      - Update to subsequent follow-up with contacts
      - Updates to Table 4: Contact Follow-up when Case is Asymptomatic at Time of Positive Specimen Collection
      - Update to Table 5 for exposures in the health care settings
      - Update to footnote on Medical PPE
      - New footnote on Patient/Resident Exposures from HCW cases<sup>6</sup> on method of contact monitoring
      - Update to Travelers from Outside of Canada section
      - Update to Contact Tracing for Airplane Passengers on informing PHO of flight notifications

## **Contact**

General inquiry email set up for community leadership

- COVID19 General Inquiry Email: [sac.covid-19fnihbontario.isc@canada.ca](mailto:sac.covid-19fnihbontario.isc@canada.ca)

## **Next teleconference:**

Tuesday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 EST / 09:00 CST

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