

CD Unit COVID-19 Weekly Teleconference Notes

Oct 27th, 2020

10:00 EST / 09:00 CST

Dial-in: 1-877-413-4781 Access Code: 377 0869

COVID-19 in Ontario

- COVID-19 continues to circulate in Ontario with increased cases being reported
- York Region, Ottawa, Peel and Toronto are in a [modified Stage 2](#)
- The rest of the province remains in [Stage 3](#) of reopening
- These areas with higher community spread of COVID-19 have added precautions
 - Closing high contact areas
 - Reducing capacity limits
- Enhancing testing capacity through the use of new point-of-care tests is being planned in Ontario
- The Provincial testing Innovation Taskforce will provide guidance on the most appropriate settings and approaches for implementing new testing methods, including point-of-care tests
- Ontario has received the first shipment of rapid point of care tests Abbott ID NOW for validation by Public Health Ontario Laboratory
- We are awaiting details on the distribution plan and guidance on implementation from the province

Public health measures like watching your distance, washing your hands, and wearing a face covering 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 where you'll be indoors
- Stay home and self-isolate if you are sick, feel unwell, or [have symptoms](#) of COVID-19
- A free [app](#) is available to inform users if they may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus – you can [learn more here](#)

Guidance Documents

- The [Ministry website](#) was last updated October 9, 2020
- Public Health Ontario [Checklist - Infection Prevention and Control Assessment for Primary Care, Specialty and Walk-in Clinics](#) during COVID-19. October 20, 2020

COVID-19 FNIHB-OR Epi Report

- As of October 26th, 2020, we have 153 First Nations confirmed cases and 7 non-First Nations confirmed cases. We currently have 27 active cases in 2 communities.
- Since the beginning of the pandemic, there have been 2 deaths.
- In total, 7,681 tests have been reported to FNIHB-OR.
- A grand total of 23,835 tests (including tests done in SLFNHA and WAHA areas).
- The province reported two consecutive days of record-breaking new daily case count of COVID-19 over the weekend. The Health Units with the largest numbers are: Toronto – 281, Peel - 215, York Region - 90 and 76 in Ottawa. All four regions are now in a “modified Stage 2” due to being COVID-19 hotspots.
- Six other health units in Ontario reported double digit increases.

FNIHB CD Unit Activities

CD Unit: Communicable Disease Emergency Tabletop Exercise Toolkit

- FNIHB National Office has recently released an updated Communicable Disease Emergency (CDE) Tabletop Exercise Toolkit. This toolkit can be used by communities to develop, review, test, strengthen and improve their CDE plan. The CDE Table Top Exercise Toolkit includes:
 - Virtual meeting guide and a Facilitator guide
 - Scenario guide
 - Response sheet
 - Improvement plan
 - CDE planning tabletop exercise presentation
 - Participant feedback form
 - CDE plan template and CDE plan checklist
 - Community post action review
- This toolkit will also be available on OneHealth.ca and education will be offered to support the implementation of the CDE Toolkit in conjunction with the National office.

Framework for Assisting with the Public Health Response to COVID-19

- The CD Unit has created a framework intended to help communities with their public health response to COVID-19
- The framework applies the pillars of the emergency management cycle to the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Each pillar identifies actions a community can take, along with available guidance documents, education and other resources that can support these activities
- A copy of the framework is included within the email and posted on OneHealth.ca
 - The PDFs embedded within the framework are included within the document itself as an attachment. The PDFs can also be found on Onehealth.ca

Educational Opportunities

- CD unit is offering upcoming education sessions starting Friday Oct 30th, 2020:
 - Refresher on COVID-19 case and contact management
 - Presentation specific to contact tracing in the context of COVID-19

Presentations	COVID-19: Refresher Case and Contact Management	COVID-19: Contact Tracing and Notification
Description	Update on COVID-19 case and contact management	Overview of contact tracing and notification in the context of COVID-19 follow up
Dates & Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday October 30, 2020 at 12:00• Tuesday November 3, 2020 at 12:00• Wednesday November 4, 2020 at 0900• Tues November 10, 2020 at 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday October 30, 2020 at 09:00• Tuesday November 3, 2020 at 15:00• Wednesday November 4, 2020 at 12:00• Friday November 6, 2020 at 12:00
Registration Link	Register in advance for this meeting: https://canada.webex.com/canada/onstage/g.php?PRID=76d9cee93d026d82fee600e0a9b445e8 After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.	Register in advance for this meeting: https://canada.webex.com/canada/onstage/g.php?PRID=76d9cee93d026d82fee600e0a9b445e8 After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please register for the webinar above and dial in for audio at the indicated time• The Dial In Number and Event number (access code) will be emailed to you upon registering for the session <p>*with the new transition of WebEx to Cisco, the Event Number will change with each session offered, therefore a standing Event Number will not be available as per past events</p>	

- There were some technical issues with registration associated with the initial invitation.
 - As a result, sessions initially scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday have been rescheduled.

Protecting our Elders Campaign

- Initiative from the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation to encourage youth to be partners in protecting elders from COVID-19.
- Ad campaign features prominent Indigenous figures providing public health messaging in relation to COVID-19.
- Includes video messages as well as designs for use on social media
- <https://protectourelders.ca/>

2020-2021 UIIP (Influenza Vaccination) Mandatory Education Season

- This webinar will review the 2020-2021 Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) focusing on this year's influenza vaccine products and its administration, contraindication and precautions, anaphylaxis management, vaccine handling and storage and documentation
- **All 'live' sessions have been offered for the 2020-2021 season.**
 - For those who have missed either session, you can watch a recorded version on [Onehealth.ca](https://onehealth.ca)
- **For participants who still would like to obtain their Influenza vaccination (newly certified),** you will need to watch the proper recording on Onehealth.ca and successfully pass the Influenza Administration Certification Exam

Certification Process:

Newly Certifying FNIHB, Band & HCC Nurses	Previously Certified FNIHB, Band and HCC Nurses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must attend one of the 2020-2021 Seasonal Influenza Webinars listed below or watch the recorded version on Onehealth.ca• Successfully pass the Influenza Administration Certification Exam• Upon successful completion of the Influenza Administration Certification Exam, the nurse will be able to administer the influenza vaccine as per the Medical Directive: <i>Authority to Provide Influenza Immunizations by Band Employed Registered Nurses and Registered Practical Nurses Working in First Nation Communities in Ontario Region</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must attend one of the 2020-2021 Seasonal Influenza Webinars listed below or watch the recorded version on Onehealth.ca• After attending a UIIP Mandatory Education Session or watching the recorded session, nurses can then offer the Influenza immunization to clients in accordance with the Medical Directive: <i>Authority to Provide Influenza Immunizations by Band Employed Registered Nurses and Registered Practical Nurses Working in First Nation Communities in Ontario Region</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For further details related to the 2020-2021 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Mandatory Education, please contact the Immunization file holder Nicole Johnstone nicole.johnstone@canada.ca	

Contact

General inquiry email set up for community leadership

- COVID19 General Inquiry Email: sac.covid-19fnihbontario.isc@canada.ca

Next teleconference:

Tuesday Nov 3rd at 10:00 EST / 09:00 CST

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