

CD Unit COVID-19 Weekly Teleconference Notes

Oct 20th, 2020

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COVID-19 in Ontario

- COVID-19 continues to circulate in Ontario with increased cases being reported
- York Region has been reverted to a [modified Stage 2](#) in addition to Ottawa, Peel, and Toronto
- The rest of the province remains in [Stage 3](#) of reopening
- These areas with higher community spread of COVID-19 have added precautions now to protect residents and staff at long-term care homes in these regions.
 - Essential visitors, including caregivers, are the only visitors allowed.
 - Short-term and temporary absences for social or personal reasons will not be allowed. Only absences for medical or compassionate reasons will be allowed.
- Ontario government has expanded case and contact management to help track, trace and isolate new cases of COVID-19 in hiring 100 new contact tracers, and 500 more expected to be hired by mid-November.

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 social circle
- 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

- The [Guidance for meeting and event facilities during COVID-19](#) has been updated and is available on the Ministry's website. Version 3 October 13, 2020
- An updated version of [Directive #3](#) that applies to Long-term Care Homes and to retirement homes.
 - As of on October 16, all short term and temporary absences for social or personal reasons need to be requested.
 - Non-medical absences from long-term care homes in areas of the province where there is higher community spread of COVID-19 are not permitted.

COVID-19 FNIHB-OR Epi Report

- As of October 20th, 2020, we have 129 First Nations confirmed cases and 7 non-First Nations confirmed cases. We currently have 33 active cases in 2 communities.
- Since the beginning of the pandemic, there have been 2 deaths.
- In total, 7,338 tests have been reported to FNIHB-OR.
- A grand total of 21,293 tests (including tests done in SLFNHA and WAHA areas).
- The province reported 704 cases of coronavirus on Monday October 19th, 2020. The Health Units with the largest numbers are: Toronto – 244, Peel - 168, York Region - 103 and 51 in Ottawa. All four regions are now in a "modified Stage 2" due to being COVID-19 hotspots.
- All other health unit in Ontario reported under 25 new cases.

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.

Community Contact Tracing and Notification Tools

- The CD Unit has created Community Contact Tracing and Notification Tools that can be used by communities to develop a contact tracing and notification team to assist with the public health follow up of contacts of COVID-19.
- The tool has two components:
 - Community Contact Tracing Support Tool
 - Community Contact Notification Team Tool
- The use of these tools, and the development of a community contact tracing and notification team, is optional. These tools can help communities be prepared to respond to COVID-19 by identifying available resources and planning for their use in the event that a need arises.
- Part of the package is a list of free online courses in contact tracing
- Another great resource for contact tracing is from PHO titled: Risk assessment approach for COVID-19 contact tracing. This resource is intended to supplement the MOH: Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario.
- These tools were sent out last Friday and will be posted on One Health as well.

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

- 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.
 - Under each pillar, it identifies actions that a community can take along with available guidance documents, education and other resources that can support these activities
- This will be released later in the week and posted on OneHealth.ca

Education

- CD unit is planning to have some upcoming education sessions:
 - Refresher on COVID-19 case and contact management
 - Presentation specific to contact tracing in the context of COVID-19

Other Updates

- **Appendix 1 (SARI)**
 - Has been updated to include information on socioeconomic risk factors. Data is being collected to help identify groups that are at greater risk of morbidity and mortality
- **Health Center Screening Tool**
 - Has been updated to reflect the latest update in COVID-19 symptoms

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 Oct 27th at 10:00 EST / 09:00 CST

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