

CD Unit COVID-19 Weekly Teleconference Notes

Oct 6th, 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
- All of the province is in [Stage 3](#) of reopening. On October 3, 2020 a pause on further reopening of businesses, facilities, and organizations has been extended for another 28 days.
- Latest COVID-19 [School and childcare screening guidance](#) adjusted the type and number of symptoms needed for a child to stay home for a period of time and seek medical advice.
 - Students and children with a fever or cough are still advised to stay home until they are able to consult with a health care provider and receive an alternative diagnosis or a negative COVID-19 test.
 - There is additional flexibility for students who are experiencing only one symptom which may be associated with other illnesses such as runny nose
 - Abdominal pain and conjunctivitis removed as a symptom
- [Additional public health and testing measures](#) were announced October 2, 2020
 - Ontario assessment centres will be moving to appointment-based measures October 6, 2020
 - Walk-in testing services were discontinued October 4, 2020
 - Mobile testing and pop-up targeted testing will continue
- Ottawa, Peel, and Toronto have targeted measures in place as a result of their higher than average rates of transmission which include:
 - Restaurants, bars and other food and drink establishments (including nightclubs) to the number of patrons maximum of 100 patrons with no more than six patrons per table
 - Restricting group exercise classes at gyms and other fitness settings to 10 individuals, with a maximum of 50 people per facility
 - Meeting and event facilities have a limit of six people per table and 50 people per facility.
- A pause on social circles and advising all Ontarians to allow only close contact with people living in their own household
 - Individuals living alone may consider having close contact with another household

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 1, 2020

- [Guidelines for school and childcare screening](#) (1 Oct 2020)
- COVID-19 [Quick Reference for Public Health Testing and Clearance](#) V10.0 (1 Oct 2020)
 - Update is a change from 14-day clearance period for all cases, to a 10-day clearance period for the majority of cases with mild to moderate illness and a 20-day clearance period for cases with severe illness (requiring ICU-level support) or with immune compromise
 - Contacts who have had a high-risk exposure to a case must self-isolate for 14 days from their last exposure.
- CoVID-19 [Guidance: School Outbreak Management](#) V1.0 (1 Oct 2020)

COVID-19 FNIHB-OR Epi Report

- As of October 6th, 2020, we have 80 First Nations confirmed cases and 7 non-First Nations. We currently have 13 active cases.
- Since the beginning of the pandemic, there have been 2 deaths.
- In total, 6,402 tests have been reported to FNIHB-OR.
- A grand total of 16,140 tests (including tests done in SLFNHA and WAHA areas).
- The province reported 615 cases of coronavirus on Monday October 5th, 2020. The majority of newly confirmed cases were concentrated in three public health units: 289 in Toronto, 88 in Peel, 81 in Ottawa. Other health units reporting double-digit increases were York Region-47 cases, Halton Region-26 cases, Waterloo Region-15 cases and Durham Region-10 cases.
- More than half of the cases (58%) were reported in people under 40 years old.

FNIHB CD Unit Activities

CD Unit: COVID-19 Management within Schools

- This document is based on the Ministry of Health (MOH) Operational guidance: COVID-19 management in schools and COVID-19 Guidance: School Outbreak Management
- This is not an exhaustive document and is to be used in conjunction with guidance from MOH: Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario
- Intent is to help provide public health recommendations to COVID-19 related scenarios and questions that may occur within the school

CD Unit: COVID-19 Follow-up Case & Contact Checklist

- Two separate tools (one for case follow up and one for contact follow up) created to help guide an interview with a case of COVID-19, while outlining the recommended public health steps for case and contact management
- The forms will be available on [Onehealth.ca](https://onehealth.ca)

Pandemic Plans

- As Ontario enters the second wave it is important to make sure that pandemic plans have been reviewed and updated
- Pandemic Plan Tool kit can be found on [Onehealth.ca](https://onehealth.ca)

Letter from Dr. Maher to Chiefs and Health Directors

- On Mon Oct 5th, a letter was distributed for Chiefs and Health Directors from Dr. Maher, Regional Public Health Physician for the Health Protection Unit of FNIHB-OR
- The letter highlights the increase numbers of people testing positive for COVID-19 and the importance for communities to continue to follow the basic precautions of staying home if unwell, physical distancing, hand washing, and wearing non-medical face coverings indoors or when physical distancing is not possible.
 - Limiting the number of contacts that each of us has every day is again extremely important in limiting the spread of infection
- Included in the email is a copy of the letter sent

2020-2021 UIIP (Influenza Vaccination) Mandatory Education Season: Launched this Week!

- 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

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 belowSuccessfully pass the Influenza Administration Certification ExamUpon 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 belowAfter attending a UIIP Mandatory Education 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">September 30th, 2020 at 13:30 – 15:00 ESTOctober 6th, 2020 at 13:00 – 14:30 ESTOctober 7th, 2020 at 9:00 – 10:30 ESTOctober 8th, 2020 at 9:30 – 11:00 EST	<ul style="list-style-type: none">September 29th, 2020 at 11:00 – 12:00 ESTOctober 1st, 2020 at 11:00 – 12:00 ESTOctober 6th, 2020 at 10:30 – 11:30 ESTOctober 7th, 2020 at 13:30 – 14:30 ESTOctober 14th, 2020 at 09:30 - 10:30 EST
<p>Registration: https://gts-ee.webex.com/gts-ee/onstage/g.php?PRID=6d5797391840bf22884bc84cca534f60</p> <p>Dial in number: 1-877-413-4781 Conference ID: 377 0869</p>	<p>Registration: https://gts-ee.webex.com/gts-ee/onstage/g.php?PRID=6d5797391840bf22884bc84cca534f60</p> <p>Dial in number: 1-877-413-4781 Conference ID: 377 0869</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">For further details related to the 2020-2021 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Mandatory Education, please see the email send from the CD Team on Fri Sept 25th	

Contact

General inquiry email set up for community leadership

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

Next teleconference:

Tuesday Oct 13th at 10:00 EST / 09:00 CST

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