

CD Unit COVID-19 Weekly Teleconference Notes

Sept 29th, 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, but on 08 Sep the province announced a “pause” of 4 weeks on further reopening
- Across the province [lower limits on unsupervised gatherings](#) like parties, dinners, gatherings, BBQs, or wedding receptions held in private residences, backyards, parks and other recreational areas, are now in place
 - 10 people at an indoor event or gathering (previous limit of 50); or
 - 25 people at an outdoor event or gathering (previous limit of 100)
- [Additional measures and restrictions](#) to restaurants, bars, and other food and drink establishments (including nightclubs)
 - Prohibition of the sale of alcohol after 11 p.m. and the consumption of alcohol after 12:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. (including employees);
 - Requirement to close by 12:00 a.m. and remain closed until 5:00 a.m. except for takeout or delivery;
- Closure of all strip clubs across the province
- Requirement for businesses/ organisations to comply with any advice, recommendation, and instructions issued by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health on [screening](#) for COVID-19

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 25 September 2020

- COVID-19 [Screening Tool for Workplaces](#) (Businesses and Organizations) V1.0 (25 Sep 2020)
 - Outlines questions workplaces should use to screen employees and essential visitors, as well as actions to take depending on answers to screening questions
- COVID-19 Guidance: [Mental Health and Addictions Service Providers](#) in Community Settings V2.0 (24 Sep 2020)
 - General updates throughout the document, including moving Modifying Operations section to earlier in the document and re-naming Positive Screening section to Providing Services
 - Prevention section updated to include routine masking recommendations
- COVID-19 Provincial [Testing Guidance Update](#) V8.0 (24 Sep 2020)
 - Addition of indications for influenza testing (page 3)
 - Updated guidance on asymptomatic testing (page 3/4), facility transfers for newborns (page 5), and testing asymptomatic cancer and hemodialysis patients (page 13-14)

COVID-19 FNIHB-OR Epi Report

- As of September 29th, 2020, we have 70 First Nations confirmed cases and 7 non-First Nations. The new cases in September were reported from 5 northern communities. We currently have 12 active cases.
- Since the beginning of the pandemic, there have been 2 deaths.
- In total, 6,205 tests have been reported to FNIHB-OR.
- A grand total of 15,830 tests (including tests done in SLFNHA and WAHA areas).
- The province reported 700 cases of coronavirus on Monday September 28th, 2020, the most on a single day since the outbreak began in late January. Monday's count of new cases surpasses the previous high of 640, which came on April 24, when community transmission of the virus was thought to be at its peak in the province.
- As of September 28th, 2020 the majority of newly confirmed cases were concentrated in four public health units: 344 in Toronto, 104 in Peel, 89 in Ottawa and 56 in York Region. Other health units reporting double-digit increases were Niagara Region–20 cases, Halton Region–15 cases, Hamilton–13 cases and Simcoe Muskoka–12 cases.

FNIHB CD Unit Activities

CD Unit: COVID -19 Recommended Public Health Follow Up v3 (25 Sept 2020)

- A tool developed to assist with the review of public health case and contact management as per the [Public Health Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario v9](#)
- This resource also highlights contact tracing, risk levels and recommendations
- The revisions reflect recent changes to the provincial documents and the font colour is in red
- Highlights of the changes include:
 - Inclusion of information related to testing and serological detection of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies
 - Update to the atypical signs & symptoms of COVID-19

*The revised document will be posted on [Onehealth](#) > Public Health Unit > Communicable Disease Unit > COVID-19

*** SLFNHA communities, please continue to follow the established processes and documents set out by SLFNHA

CD Unit: COVID-19 Management within Schools

- V1 is in the final stages of revision and will be sent out once completed

2021-2021 School Based Immunization Program: Education Series for CHNs

- This education session is **mandatory** training for CHNs, and nurses who have obtained the FNIHB-OR Immunization Certification
- The SBIP Education session focuses on: Immunization schedule, vaccines and vaccine preventable diseases, clinic planning (including consideration for IPAC), forms and fact sheets
- Registration Details:
Go to, or click on, the below link to register
<https://gts-ee.webex.com/gts-ee/onstage/g.php?PRID=cc92cdfa4994af6333a865d748bb009>
- Dates offered:
 - Tuesday Sept 29, 1:30 to 3:00pm ET / 12:30 – 2:00 pm CT
 - Wednesday Sept 30, 9:30 - 11:00 am ET / 08:30 – 10:00 am CT
 - Thursday Oct 1, 9:30 to 11:00am ET / 8:30 – 10:00 am CT

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 below• 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• After 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 EST• October 6th, 2020 at 13:00 – 14:30 EST• October 7th, 2020 at 9:00 – 10:30 EST• October 8th, 2020 at 9:30 – 11:00 EST	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• September 29th, 2020 at 11:00 – 12:00 EST• October 1st, 2020 at 11:00 – 12:00 EST• October 6th, 2020 at 10:30 – 11:30 EST• October 7th, 2020 at 13:30 – 14:30 EST• October 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 6th at 10:00 EST / 09:00 CST

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