

CD Unit COVID-19 Weekly Teleconference Notes

Sept 22nd, 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](#) 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).
- A free [app](#) is available to inform users if they may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus – you can [learn more here](#)

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
- If gathering, keep 2 m distance between others who are not in your social circle
- Wear a [face covering](#) (cloth mask, non-medical mask) when running essential errands where you'll be indoors – some areas of Ontario require you to wear a face covering – find more information about how masks help [here](#) and [here](#)
- Stay home and self-isolate if you are sick, feel unwell, or [have symptoms](#) of COVID-19

Guidance Documents

The [Ministry website](#) was last updated 21 September 2020

- COVID-19 [Reference Document for Symptoms](#) V7.0 (21 Sep 2020)
 - Includes direction that when assessing for symptoms the focus should be on evaluating if they are new, worsening, or different from an individual's baseline; symptoms should not be chronic or related to other known causes or conditions
 - More detail added on multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C)
- COVID-19 Guidance: [On-Farm Outbreak Management](#) V1.0 (21 Sep 2020)
- COVID-19 Guidance: [Home and Community Care Providers](#) V5.0 (17 Sep 2020)
 - Updated screening guidance
 - New Testing for COVID-19 section
 - Expanded guidance on Occupational Health and Safety, including infection prevention and control

Public Health Ontario (PHO) has updated resources to support schools

- [COVID-19 Preparedness and Prevention Checklist](#) (16 Sep 2020)
- Preventing COVID-19: [Tips for Children](#) Attending School (14 Sep 2020)

COVID-19 FNIHB-OR Epi Report

- As of September 21st, 2020, we have 68 First Nations confirmed cases and 6 non-First Nations. Of those cases, 62 or 95% have resolved. We currently have 10 active cases.
- Since the beginning of the pandemic, there have been 2 deaths.
- In total, 5,777 tests have been reported to FNIHB-OR.
- A grand total of 13,516 tests (including tests done in SLFNHA and WAHA areas).
- As of September 21st, there were 47,274 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ontario. That is an increase of 425 confirmed cases which is the largest increase in three months.
- As of September 21st, 175 new cases were recorded in Toronto, 84 in Peel 60 in Ottawa and 20 in York Region. All other public health units reported 15 or fewer cases.

FNIHB CD Unit Activities

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=cc92cdffa4994af6333a865d748bb009>
- 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) Season: Information Coming REALLY Soon!

- The CD Unit receives guidance related to the Universal Influenza Immunization Program from the Ministry of Health (MOH). Once the MOH releases information related to the 2020-2021 season, the CD Unit will distribute this information broadly and offer the annual UIIP education sessions for nurses

Contact

General inquiry email set up for community leadership

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

Next teleconference:

Tuesday September 29th at 10:00 EST / 09:00 CST

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