

MEDIA RELEASE

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Nipissing First Nation Issues Notice of Positive COVID-19 Case at a Local Business

GARDEN VILLAGE, ON - Nipissing First Nation (NFN) is advising the public that an individual working at a local business has tested positive for COVID-19.

This notice is directed at customers and employees of *Green Medicine* located at 120 Commanda Crescent in Duchesnay (near North Bay). The potential exposure dates include:

- March 12th and 13th
- March 15th to 20th
- March 22nd to 27th

Close contacts have been advised to immediately self-isolate, self-monitor and to get tested for COVID-19 if symptoms arise or on day 10 of exposure. Only individuals identified as a close contact will be contacted by Nipissing First Nation Health Services. No personal health information will be released.

Self-isolation means individuals are to remain on their property and avoid contact with others for a minimum of 14 days even if you receive a negative COVID-19 test result. This includes self-isolating from others in your home. Community Health Nurses will be conducting regular follow-up with close contacts for the duration of the isolation period.

Customers using curbside or delivery services are considered a low-risk exposure and are not required to self-isolate.

The owners of Green Medicine are taking extra precautions and will close the business from March 29th to April 10th, 2021. The business will re-open Monday, April 12th, 2021.

On December 24, 2020 a Class Order under Section 22 of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* was enacted in this public health district. Individuals not complying with self-isolation requirements can be subject to legal action. If you believe someone who is required to self-isolate for COVID-19 is not following the class order you can call the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) at 1-800-563-2808 option 5.

It is imperative that people continue follow public health guidance to prevent further spread of the COVID-19 including washing hands, physical distancing, wearing a face covering that fully covers the nose, mouth and chin and staying within your households.

If you are concerned about a potential exposure, please contact Carole Lafantaisie, Community Health Nurse at NFN Health Services at (705) 840-8830. Other inquiries may be directed to Kimberly Lalonde, Director of Health Services at (705) 498-3698.

Please visit our website at nfn.ca/covid19 for regular updates and links to helpful information.