

## COMMUNITY UPDATE #15

### Notice of Positive COVID-19 Cases in Yellek Community

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**June 8, 2021** - Nipissing First Nation (NFN) is advising the public of several positive cases of COVID-19 associated with the community of Yellek in Nipissing First Nation. The confirmed cases involve both adults (18 years and over) and youths (12 to 17 years).

This notice is further directed at community members that have used the Yellek Playground. The potential exposure dates include Saturday June 5th, 2021 and Sunday June 6th, 2021.

All identified as high-risk exposures or confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been contacted by the Nipissing First Nation Health Services. No personal health information will be released.

All high-risk exposures or close contacts who are **not vaccinated or not fully vaccinated have been advised to immediately stay home and self-isolate**, self-monitor and to get tested for COVID-19.

High-risk exposures and their household members with proof of **full vaccination are not required to stay home as long as they remain asymptomatic**. These individuals must report that they have been exposed to COVID-19 to their employer and follow workplace restrictions as advised by their employer. If they develop any symptoms of COVID-19 they must immediately self-isolate and get tested. If a variant of concern (VOC) is involved self-isolation may still be required.

An individual is considered fully vaccinated if it is more than 14 days since their 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of a COVID-19 vaccine that is approved by Health Canada.

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 COVID-19 including washing hands, physical distancing, and wearing a face covering that fully covers the nose, mouth and chin and staying within your households.

***Please see page 2 for details about youth vaccines being available this week and rapid testing.***

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**Youth COVID-19 Vaccines Available this Week!**

The Pfizer vaccine for COVID-19 is now available in NFN for youth.

Community members aged 12 to 17 years or those in this age group residing in an NFN household can call the Health Centre at 705-753-3312 to register for a Pfizer vaccine and get an appointment this week.

**Rapid Testing Now Available at the LCHC**

Rapid testing for COVID-19 is less invasive and results are available in 15 minutes. If you are concerned about exposure to COVID-19 or you have developed COVID-19 like symptoms in the last 7 days and would like a test or have been advised to get a test, please call the Lawrence Commanda Health Centre at 705-753-3312 to book a rapid test.

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](https://nfn.ca/covid19) for regular updates and links to helpful information.