

## COMMUNITY UPDATE #18

### Positive COVID-19 Case & High-Risk Exposures in Yellek

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**September 11, 2021** - Nipissing First Nation (NFN) is advising the public of a positive case of COVID-19 in the community of Yellek. The confirmed case involves a youth between the ages of 12 to 17 years. Individuals considered high-risk exposures are those who were transported to school on **Nbisiing Bus Lines Route 4-5** between Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

NFN Health Services is working closely with the North Bay Parry Sound District and every individual living on NFN who is identified as a high-risk exposure will be contacted by one of our nurses. 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.** An individual is considered fully vaccinated if it has been more than 14 days since their 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of a COVID-19 vaccine that is approved by Health Canada.

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.

#### **Youth COVID-19 Vaccines**

The Pfizer vaccine for COVID-19 is available in NFN for youth aged 12 to 17 years. Community members 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 schedule an appointment.

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.

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