

COMMUNITY UPDATE #20

Second Positive COVID-19 Case Related to Bus Route 4-5

September 15, 2021 - Nipissing First Nation (NFN) is advising the public of a second positive case of COVID-19 related to bus route 4-5 serving the communities of Yellek and Duchesnay. Both confirmed cases involve youth, with the first being a youth between the ages of 12 and 17 years who resides in Yellek and the second a youth under the age of 12 years who resides in Duchesnay.

Individuals considered high-risk exposures are those who were transported to school on **Nbisiing Bus Lines Route 4-5** between **Tuesday, September 7th and Friday, September 10th, 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.

The Community Health Nurse has contacted all high-risk exposures and advised those who need to self-isolate, self-monitor and get tested for COVID-19 to do so. **For high-risk exposures this COVID-19 test must be done at a testing centre and not a rapid test.**

To book an appointment (no walk-ins) with a testing centre call one of the following locations:

1. North Bay Regional Health Centre (Parking Lot #9): (705) 474-8600 ext. 4110
2. West Nipissing, 219 O'Hara Street: (705) 580-2186

High-risk exposures and their household members with proof of **full vaccination are not required to stay home as long as they remain asymptomatic.** If symptoms develop they are to call a testing centre and book an appointment for a test.

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.**

Individuals are not cleared to board the bus or report to school if the following applies:

- The Community Health Nurse has not been able to reach you. In this instance, please contact the Community Health Nurse at (705) 840-8830 and provide a phone number where you can be reached.
- Full vaccination status cannot be confirmed. An individual is considered fully vaccinated if it has been more than 14 days since their 2nd dose of a COVID-19 vaccine that is approved by Health Canada.
- If an individual does not want to provide COVID-19 vaccination status the nurse they will have to follow the same protocol as unvaccinated individuals.

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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 as much as possible.

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.

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