

# COVID-19 UPDATE

## TEMAGAMI UPDATE # 73 on COVID-19

January 6, 2022

| CURRENT ACTIVE CASES                                      |                   |         |                         |        |
|---|-------------------|---------|-------------------------|--------|
| Timiskaming   | Timmins/Porcupine | Sudbury | North Bay / Parry Sound | Algoma |
| 238   | 817               | 1183    | 458                     | 616    |
| <b>TOTAL ACTIVE CASES IN NORTH EASTERN ONTARIO 3,312*</b> |                   |         |                         |        |

In a recent release from the Timiskaming Health Unit today in response to the surge in cases caused by the Omicron variant:

- the Government of Ontario has now restricted access to PCR tests (Assessment Centre tests) to highest risk settings (for a list of highest risk settings, visit [www.ontario.ca/exposed](http://www.ontario.ca/exposed))
- public health will not follow up with positive cases outside of the highest risk settings.

Since THU is no longer following up with positive cases outside of the highest risk settings, they will no longer be instructing workplaces to report positive rapid antigen tests to the Timiskaming Health Unit.

**People who don't have access to testing and who have symptoms of COVID-19 are now instructed to assume they have COVID-19 and to self-isolate as indicated in the links below.**

For more information visit [www.ontario.ca/exposed](http://www.ontario.ca/exposed) or [www.timiskaminghu.com/90484/COVID-19](http://www.timiskaminghu.com/90484/COVID-19)

\*The daily numbers are important to assist health care professionals with predictions and trends. However, since the province has reserved PCR testing for symptomatic people in high-risk settings, the numbers likely do not show the real picture.

As the Province responds to recent trends that show a rapid increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations, effective **January 5, 2022 at 12:01 a.m.**, Ontario is temporarily moving into Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen with modifications that take into account the province's successful vaccination efforts. Please refer to [O. Reg. 263/20 Rules for Areas in Step 2](#) for the complete list of measures and conditions that apply to certain businesses, organizations, places and individuals.

Beginning January 4, 2022, Ontarians will be required to use their enhanced vaccine certificate with official QR code. Vaccine receipts without a QR code will no longer be accepted as valid proof of vaccination. If you require assistance with obtaining your enhanced vaccine certificate, please contact the Temagami Family Health Team (705) 569-3244.

For a list of public health mass vaccination clinics in the district over the next couple of weeks please visit: <https://www.timiskaminghu.com/90513/COVID-19-Vaccine#CurrentClinics>

For Community Clinics 12+ and For Children 5 to 11 Years Old, please use the online system: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/> or call 866-747-4305 ext. 6

**We're all in this together | Be Safe**

Please note that these updates are made at a point in time and are not updated daily. They coincide with our regularly scheduled Emergency Operations Cycle Meetings. For the latest information on the COVID19 situation in our health district, please visit <https://www.timiskaminghu.com/90484/COVID-19>