

# COVID-19 UPDATE

## TEMAGAMI UPDATE # 71 on COVID-19

December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

CURRENT ACTIVE CASES				
Timiskaming	Timmins/Porcupine	Sudbury	North Bay / Parry Sound	Algoma
58	62	268	52	228
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE CASES IN NORTH EASTERN ONTARIO 668</b>				

With cases locally in Temagami and all around us on the rise, everyone needs to **REMAIN VIGILANT** with public health measures, including physical distancing, hand sanitizing and masking. Please, even if you are fully vaccinated, ensure that you continue to follow these guidelines.

In response to the rapidly-spreading and highly transmissible Omicron variant, the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, is applying additional public health and workplace safety measures, including **capacity and social gathering limits**. These measures will help curb transmission and continue to safeguard Ontario's hospitals and ICU capacity as the province continues to rapidly accelerate its booster dose rollout. For more information visit: <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1001366/ontario-further-strengthening-response-to-omicron>

**The Timiskaming Health Unit Recommends Caution during the Holidays as COVID-19 Case Numbers Remain High.** High COVID-19 case numbers and the arrival of the Omicron variant in Ontario have prompted Acting Officer of Health Dr. Glenn Corneil to issue a letter outlining recommendations for how residents can protect themselves and their loved ones from COVID-19 during the holidays.

For more information visit:

<https://www.timiskaminghu.com/websites/timiskaminghu.com/files/COVID19/2021216%20THU%20Recommends%20Caution%20During%20the%20Holidays%20as%20COVID-19%20Case%20Numbers%20Remain%20High.pdf>

The letter strongly recommends the following:

- Everyone should limit social gatherings at private dwellings to no more than 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoor. All attendees 12 years of age and older should be vaccinated.
- All unvaccinated individuals 12 years of age and older should avoid any non-essential indoor contact with individuals who are not part of their household.
- Where possible, individuals should work remotely.

The recommendations come into effect immediately and will be reassessed in four weeks.

**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

The Municipal Office is available via scheduled appointments, telephone and by doorbell. Temagami Public Library is open we ask that you follow their COVID-19 protocol which include masking, physical distancing, sanitizing upon entering and filling out a questionnaire.

**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\\*](https://www.timiskaminghu.com/90484/COVID-19*)

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