

COVID-19 UPDATE

TEMAGAMI UPDATE # 74 on COVID-19

January 20th, 2022

| Current COVID-19 situation in Northeastern Ontario (Hospitalizations / Cases) | | | | |
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| Timiskaming | Timmins/Porcupine | Sudbury | North Bay / Parry Sound | Algoma |
| 6 / 110 | 15 / 851 | 51 / 993 | 2 / 234 | 13 / 586 |
| TOTAL IN NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO 87 / *2774 | | | | |

*The daily case counts 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.

With key public health and health system indicators starting to show improvements, Ontario has released details of steps to cautiously and gradually ease public health measure, starting on **January 31, 2022**. To learn more about how Ontario is planning to safely and gradually reopen visit: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/public-health-measures#returning-to-our-plan-to-safely-reopen-ontario>

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 or www.timiskaminghu.com/90484/COVID-19

In a recent release from the Timiskaming Health Unit, 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)
- 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.

As of January 4, 2022, Ontarians are 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>