

## COMMUNITY UPDATE #12

### High-Risk Exposures in Garden Village and Jocko Point Resolved; Daycare & Recreational Facilities to Reopen

**April 23, 2021** – The high-risk exposures to COVID-19 related to the positive cases at Our Lady of Sorrows School and White Woods Public School are now considered resolved. We wish to acknowledge the efforts of those who were required to self-isolate to prevent the risk of spread within the community. Miigwech!

As a precautionary measure in response to the elevated risk in Garden Village, the Nipissing Ojibway Daycare, playgrounds and the outdoor rink were closed for the duration of the high-risk exposure period.

**Effective 12:01 a.m. today, playground amenities and the Outdoor Rink in Garden Village have reopened. The Nipissing Ojibway Daycare will reopen on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> for parents/ guardians who are deemed essential workers only in accordance with provincial guidelines.**

We appreciate that these closures were difficult for community members, and we thank you for your patience and cooperation with these precautionary measures. We urge all community members to continue following public health measures and the stay-at-home order that is in place until at least May 20<sup>th</sup> to limit the spread of COVID-19 and help keep our communities safe.

### Update on COVID-19 Vaccines

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, NFN Health Services secured 80 more vials of the Moderna vaccine from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit. Each vial provides an average of 10.5 doses, therefore we projected that this would allow us to offer 840 additional doses.

As of April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1,486 individuals have registered and are eligible to receive a vaccine on NFN. To date, 1,274 individuals have received a 1<sup>st</sup> dose of Moderna (88.72% of eligible registrants) and 68 of these individuals have received their 2<sup>nd</sup> dose (4.74% of eligible registrants). There are currently 62 individuals on the waitlist for a 1<sup>st</sup> dose.

This week, 2<sup>nd</sup> dose clinics were scheduled for individuals who received a 1<sup>st</sup> dose between March 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 825 community members have now received both doses of the Moderna vaccine, and 1,200 individuals have received their 1<sup>st</sup> dose.

If you have not yet received a 1<sup>st</sup> dose and would like to, please call the Health Centre at 705-753-3312 to register as soon as possible. **You must register in advance** and will then be called for a vaccine appointment based on priority and the time at which you registered. If you have received a 1<sup>st</sup> dose already, you do not need to call again to register for your 2<sup>nd</sup> dose.

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### Assessment Centres

Residents who have symptoms or are concerned about a possible exposure to a positive case of COVID-19 are advised to get tested. If you have severe symptoms, such as difficulty breathing, you should call 911 and mention your symptoms.

**If you think you may have COVID-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has it, first self-isolate and then use [Ontario's Self-Assessment Tool](#) to see if you need to seek further care or contact NFN's Community Health Nurse at 705-840-8830 for more information.**

If you get tested for COVID-19, you and everyone else you live with must stay home until you have results. *Do not go to work or school or visit anyone if you have symptoms.*

- **North Bay Regional Health Centre – 50 College Drive, North Bay**  
Appointment Required – Call 705-474-8600 ext. 4110 - Open 9am to 5pm (7 days a week)  
Assessment Centre is in parking lot #9 for symptomatic patients or children 8 & under  
Drive thru options available near Emergency entrance available for asymptomatic people
- **West Nipissing Assessment Centre – 219 O'Hara Street, Sturgeon Falls (Community Complex)**  
Appointment Required – Call 705-580-2186 - Open 12pm to 4pm (Monday to Friday)

### Contacts

If you are concerned about a potential exposure to COVID-19, please contact Carole Lafantaisie, NFN Community Health Nurse, at 705-840-8830. Other inquiries may be directed to Kimberly Lalonde, Director of Health Services, at 705-498-3698.

Please visit [nfn.ca/covid19](https://nfn.ca/covid19) for regular updates and links to helpful information.