

# SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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## Briefing Note

**Date:** April 29, 2020

**Prepared for:** Serpent River First Nation Community Members & Community Partners

**Issue:** Briefing of Press Conferences – Provincial/National COVID-19 announcements.

**Purpose:** To inform Serpent River First Nation Community, Council and community partners on recent developments on COVID-19 for April 29, 2020.

### Current Status (COVID-19)

Status updates about [COVID-19 \(novel coronavirus\)](#) will be posted as new developments arise.

To protect the identity of individuals, and to comply with privacy law, Algoma Public Health does not provide name or address information for people who test positive for COVID-19. Where there are important exposures in the community or on flights, Algoma Public Health will provide the times and locations on this webpage.

### Status of cases in the Algoma district

- These data sets are preliminary and subject to change, pending further review.
- Confirmed positives will be reported as soon as publicly available.

<b>Tested (1)</b>	2,017
<b>Positive</b>	13
<b>Negative</b>	1,639
<b>Pending (2)</b>	365
<b>Deceased</b>	0
<b>Resolved (3)</b>	11
Updated: April 29, 2020 (8:30 a.m.)	

(1) That Algoma Public Health is aware of.

(2) Number of people who have been tested but do not have a result yet.

(3) Patient tested positive but is resolved according to current public health criteria. This number includes any persons who are deceased.

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## Total confirmed cases by area of residence

Algoma Region	Any residents who have tested positive for COVID-19?	Any evidence of local community spread?
Central & East Algoma	Yes (less than 5)	Possible/Likely: evidence of community spread is present in other areas of Algoma and in neighbouring public health units
Elliot Lake & Area	Yes (less than 5)	Possible/Likely: evidence of community spread is present in other areas of Algoma and in neighbouring public health units
North Algoma	No	Possible/Likely: evidence of community spread is present in other areas of Algoma and in neighbouring public health units
Sault Ste. Marie & Area	Yes (9)	Yes
Updated: April 25, 2020 (4:10 p.m.)		

*Note: The following describes the municipalities and First Nation communities included in each Algoma sub-region. This is not an exhaustive listing of geographic places within Algoma.*

**Central & East Algoma includes:** Blind River, Bruce Mines, Hilton, Hilton Beach, Huron Shores, Jocelyn, Johnson, Mississauga First Nation, Plummer Additional, St. Joseph, Tarbutt and Tarbutt Additional, The North Shore, Thessalon, Thessalon First Nation

**Elliot Lake & Area includes:** Elliot Lake, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Serpent River First Nation, Spanish

**North Algoma includes:** Dubreuilville, Michipicoten First Nation, Missinabie Cree First Nation, Wawa, White River

**Sault Ste. Marie & Area includes:** Batchewana First Nation, Garden River First Nation, Laird, Macdonald, Meredith and Aberdeen Additional, Prince, Sault Ste. Marie

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## Daily Update - April 28, 2020

Situation Report #94 COVID-19

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management Branch

Situation: Case count as of April 28, 2020

Area	Case count	Change from yesterday	Deaths	Change from yesterday
Worldwide total	3,081,401	+63,421	212,335	+4,613
Europe	1,313,283	+18,009	124,592	+2,131
China	82,836	+06	4,633	0
Middle East	278,527	+6,231	9,466	+195
Asia & Oceania	135,208	+4,577	3,733	+126
Africa	34,197	+1,464	1,475	+48
Latin America and Caribbean	178,343	+8,344	8,926	+578
North America	1,059,007	+24,790	59,510	+1,535
United States	1,010,507	+23,185	56,803	+1,388
Canada	48,500	+1,605	2,707	+147

- 525 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 15,381 (this includes 8,964 resolved cases and 951 deaths).
- In Ontario, a total of 253,040 tests have been completed, with tests performed at Public Health Ontario Laboratories and non-Public Health Laboratories. There are currently 6,282 tests under investigation.
- 957 patients are currently hospitalized with COVID-19; 239 are in ICU; and 187 are in ICU on a ventilator.

### Actions Taken:

- A [memo](#) regarding regional COVID-19 staffing response in support of Long-Term Care Homes has been attached to today's Situation Report. It will be available shortly on the Ministry's website in French and English.
- The latest version of the Primary Care Guidance is now available on the ministry's [website](#).

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## Indigenous

- Anishinabek News Articles
  - [Artist beads good intentions into Treaty of Niagara Belt reproduction](#)
  - [Beendigen Anishinabe Women's Crisis Home and Family Healing Agency maintains services throughout COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- Indigenous Services Canada said on Saturday that Ottawa had approved funding requests to support 94 programs that support urban Indigenous populations.
- While waiting for funding approval from the federal government, Odawa Native Friendship Centre has entered into a coalition with local service providers in order to begin community outreach. Programs include delivering care packages to families and connecting remotely with clients. Odawa is also running a food bank out of rented storage PODS.
- Walpole Island First Nation has confirmed its first two positive cases of COVID-19.

## Provincial

- A group of Toronto organizations have filed suit against the City for its handling of the safety of homeless populations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The suit alleges the City has violated the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and breached the Ontario Human Rights Code by not allowing for proper physical distancing rules inside shelters.
- Ontario's Patient Ombudsman is asking residents of long-term care homes and their families to report complaints about care and safety during the province's COVID-19 lockdown. The ombudsman is also inviting staff to sound off about their concerns.
- The federal and provincial government are investing up to \$2.5 million to help the agri-food sector expand online, providing more opportunities for producers to grow their businesses and offer more food choices for families who are shopping from home during the COVID-19 outbreak. The funding is being provided through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership.
- Later this week, Premier Ford will announce clear guidelines for how businesses can operate safely as the economy begins to reopen.
- Ontario has launched an online suggestion portal, COVID-19: Tackling the Barriers, through which public feedback can be provided to help the government develop an effective and efficient response to the current crisis.

## Federal

- Ottawa has received more than 44,000 applications for the federal wage subsidy program since the portal opened yesterday.
- The House of Commons sat virtually today, and will sit again in person tomorrow to pass student relief legislation. Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer has said his party is pushing for legislative changes to the

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federal government's \$9-billion support package for post-secondary students to include incentives for them to accept available jobs.

- Prime Minister Trudeau said today that while the measures in place are working, we are not yet out of the woods.
- Trudeau is expected to announce the national guidelines that he and all Premiers have agreed to work with in reopening the economy in the coming days.
- Ottawa announced updated projections for the future of COVID-19 in Canada today. Canada has conducted over 740,000 tests for COVID-19, with 7 per cent of results being positive. 20,000 people have been tested daily for the past week. There are currently 49,025 confirmed cases across Canada, including 2,766 deaths.
- In order for the epidemic to die out, we need to reach a point where each infected individual is infecting less than one other person. Today, this number is just above one per infected individual.
- Ontario and Quebec represent more than 80 per cent of all confirmed cases.
- 5.5 per cent of cases in Canada result in death. The fatality ratio is expected to continue to change over time. 17 per cent of cases have required hospitalization, with less than 5 per cent requiring intensive care.
- Adults age 60 and over account for over 95 per cent of deaths. Men account for 45 per cent of cases, but are more likely to be admitted to hospitals.
- We are experiencing a levelling off of epidemic trajectories in most jurisdictions.
- The predicted number of cases are 53,000 to 67,000 by May 5. Deaths are predicted to reach between 3,300 to 3,900 by May 5.
- Dr. Tam said today that, until we have a vaccine, we must get used to living with measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- Canada will be shipping over 6 million facemasks to the provinces and territories this week. More than 100,000 face shields will also be sent out very soon.
- Prime Minister Trudeau condemned Asian racism and anti-Semitism across the country, which has reportedly been on the rise since the beginning of the crisis.

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