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Briefing Note

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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 May 12, 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 a 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

NEW - (May 8, 2020, 12:00 pm) - These numbers now include testing that was completed at long-term care homes (LTCH) in the Algoma district as part of the province's one-time surveillance testing initiative. Staff and residents of all Algoma LTCHs have completed one-time surveillance testing.

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

Tested (1)	5,281
Positive	16
Negative	4,811
Pending (2)	454
Deceased	0
Resolved (3)	13
Updated: May 12, 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.

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

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 (12)	Yes
Updated: May 6, 2020 (9:30 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

As of 4:00 pm Monday May 11th, 2020

- Globally: 4,227,454 cases (+49,300); 285,272 deaths (+1,538); 1,512,701 recovered
- US: 1,380,177 (+12,539), 81,414 deaths (+627)
- Spain: 268,143 (+3,480), 26,774 deaths (+123)

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- UK: 223,060 (+3,877), 32,065 deaths (+210)
- Canada: 69,907 cases (+1,059), 4,992 deaths (+122).
- Ontario: 20,546 cases (+308); 1,669 deaths (+35),
 - o 961 hospitalized, 195 in ICU, 140 on ventilators.2
 - o 15,131 recovered (+359), 3,746 active cases (-86)
- Note: UK and Russia confirmed cases have now surpassed Italy.

Summary of Key National & Provincial Press Conferences:

Ministry of Health Emergency Operating Center (MEOC) COVID-19 Conference Call

- Canada: 68,800 cases, 4,900 deaths.
- Ontario: On Saturday, there was 294 new cases. On Sunday, there was 308 new cases. There were 35 deaths over the weekend. In total, Ontario has seen 20,486 cases of COVID-19 with 1,669 deaths.
- Lab tests: Sunday's numbers: 17,618 tests completed, with 14,816 tests outstanding. Of the tests completed, 3.2 % of them have returned a positive result.
- Hospitalizations: Currently, there are 961 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. Of the 961 hospitalized individuals, 194 of them are in ICU, and 147 are ventilated. There are 73 hospital outbreaks.
- Long-Term Care Homes: 172 LTC homes are currently experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19, and 58 homes have outbreaks that have been resolved. The total number of resident deaths in long-term care homes sits at 1,235.
- Retirement Homes: 71 homes are currently experiencing an outbreak, and 45 homes have outbreaks that have resolved.
- Health Care Workers: 3,407 health care workers have tested positive for COVID-19. The cumulative number of health care workers hospitalized is 130, with 32 of these individuals in ICU.
- In Ontario, Toronto is the area with the highest concentration of COVID-19 cases currently. This is followed by Grenville/Lanark, Peel, Haldimand Norfolk, Windsor, and then Durham.

Prime Minister Trudeau and Federal Ministers Press Conference

- The Prime Minister started his press conference by stating that this week is National Nursing Week. He offered his thanks to all nurses for everything they do, not just during this pandemic, but every day.
- The Prime Minister gave a recap of the various measures the Federal government is taking to help Canada through the pandemic
- The Prime Minister then announced the next phase of support measures for businesses. The business credit availability program, started for small businesses, will be expanded to include mid-sized businesses that need more capital.
- The Prime Minister also announced the opening of a large employer emergency financing facility. Through this facility, the Federal government will be offering bridge loans to keep businesses afloat and support Canada's economy. These are bridge loans, NOT bailouts. Financing will be available to every industry sector.

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Premier Doug Ford's Press Conference

- Every step we have taken has always put the health of Ontarians first. We have avoided the worst-case scenario. There are many reasons to be optimistic today. Yesterday we had 268 new cases, the lowest it's been in weeks.
- As the trend continues to improve, we are gradually but steadily opening our economy.
- Starting today, more people will be returning to work across the province as Ontario allows retail stores with a street entrance to offer curbside pickup and delivery.
- Over the weekend, garden centres, nurseries, hardware stores and safety supply stores began offering in-store purchasing.
- All retailers should follow safety guidelines in order to protect staff, consumers and the general public.
- Also, provincial parks and conservation reserves will begin opening today with limited access (walking, hiking, biking and birdwatching). This will be free until the end of May.
- Our Ontario Jobs and Recovery Committee is actively working towards reopening our province so we can get the people of Ontario back on the job safely.
- The Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development has now released over 80 sector-specific health and safety guidelines. The Ministry has also released a Guidance Document of Essential Workplaces.
- Easing restrictions on retail stores is aligned with the first phase of the government's Framework for Reopening our Province, Protect and Support.

Ontario Medical Officer of Health Press Conference

- Test results continue to go in the right direction.
- An update of what happened over the weekend and into today.
- Saturday, we saw an increase of 348 cases, Sunday 1.5%. 20546 confirmed today. Increase of 308 cases, or 1.5% increase.
- 57.3% are female, 43% over 60. 61.8% in GTA.
- 16.5%, or 3407 are in health care workers. Cumulative.
- 74% of cases are resolved or 15, 131 cases.
- 1027 in hospital, 147 on ventilators.
- 1669 deaths reported. Up 35 from previous report
- LTC homes: 174 active outbreaks. 1235 deaths, 4 deaths among staff. Remains Stable.
- Retirement homes: 71 in outbreak, 163 deaths.
- Lab Testing: Record High on Saturday. 19227 tests completed on Saturday. 17618 on Sunday. Today, 13927 completed. 447,964 tests completed total. 14, 641 tests under investigation.

Provincial Press Releases May 11th, 2020

Ontario Retail Stores Open for Curbside Pickup and Delivery. Health and Safety Guidelines in Place to Protect Workers and Customers. May 11th, 2020, 1:00 P.M.

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