

NEWS RELEASE

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Health Unit Reminding Public to Follow Gathering Sizes

NORTH BAY, ON – Effective this morning (September 18, 2020) at 12 a.m., Toronto, Peel and Ottawa regions have reduced gathering sizes to a maximum of 25 people outdoors and 10 people indoors. These restrictions come as the province is seeing a steady increase in the number of COVID-19 cases.

The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) region is still experiencing low levels of COVID-19 with testing rates above the provincial average and, at this time, will not be reducing gathering sizes. The public is reminded that gatherings are not to exceed 100 people outdoors and 50 people indoors and they must continue to physically distance with individuals outside their social circle.

The Health Unit will continue to monitor the local situation and assess the need to reduce gathering limits, in the event of a spike of cases in the region.

“Our region has worked together to help stop the spread of COVID-19. We are in a good position, but we cannot be complacent. Whether attending an organized event or gathering outside of school for lunch, physical distancing of two (2) metres needs to be maintained. Face coverings are required in all public indoor areas, on public transit and whenever physical distancing is a challenge, even outside,” explains Dr. Jim Chirico, Medical Officer of Health.

The public is encouraged to continue to practice public health measures, including physical distancing, wearing a face covering, washing or sanitizing hands often and coughing or sneezing into your sleeve. By working together, we can continue to reopen our local economy and keep students in-class.

For more information on COVID-19 please visit www.myhealthunit.ca/COVID-19.

Quick Facts

- Health Unit testing rate: 26,872.1 tests per 100,000 population
- Ontario testing rate: 25,798.6 tests per 100,000 population

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