

COVID-19 UPDATE

In recent weeks, we have seen a rise in COVID-19 cases in Algoma due to the Omicron variant. We know COVID is in our community and we need to be extra careful. We know everyone has worked hard, but we also understand how difficult this effort has been on everyone. We also understand that government decisions can sometimes seem questionable and we sometimes get mixed-messages about the best way forward. However, **what is clear is that following these basic guidelines is still the best way to protect yourself and others:**

- **Vaccinations lessen your risk** – there is significant and clear evidence that getting vaccinated will minimize the length and severity of illness from COVID.

Avoid the THREE C's: **CLOSED SPACES, CROWDED PLACES, CLOSE CONTACT SETTINGS:**

- Stay close to home as much as possible,
- If you must go out, wear a mask when in contact with anyone,
- Maintain physical distance from others of at least 6 feet/2 metres,
- Wash/sanitize your hands often and, until you have, avoid touching your face.

FAQ's

- **What are the Ontario limits on gathering?** The indoor limit is a maximum is 5 people and all should be masked and maintain physical distancing from people not in their household. The outdoor limit is a maximum of 10 people.
- **How can I get a Vaccine Booster if I am eligible?** There will be more local clinics scheduled. You also have the option of booking at the GFL or a pharmacy in the Sault. Visit www.algomapublichealth.com or call 705-541-7370 or Toll Free: 1-888-440-3730
- **What do I do if I have symptoms, or someone in my house does?** At this time testing is limited. Assume you and your household should isolate for a minimum of 5 days from symptom onset. If you are experiencing COVID symptoms call Telehealth Ontario: 1-866-797-0000 or your Doctor's office for guidance and they will help you determine if you should seek medical help. Do not call 911 unless it is an emergency.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE INFO – The Office is open but with limited access. Staff will be happy to help you if you knock on the door or you can also reach us by email or by phone. Many applications are now available online and e-transfers can be used for payments. Visit www.johnsontownship.ca for permits, licensing and more. Reach us by email at people@johnsontownship.ca or by phone at 705-782-6601.

The after hours drop box is also available at the Township office for applications and payments.

"I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST THE SNIFFLES"

...I should have stayed home

Tested positive for **COVID-19**, spread to partner and children.

"I'M VACCINATED AND ONLY HAD A RUNNY NOSE"

...I should have stayed home

Went to school. Shared lunch with friends. Spread **COVID-19** to friends and their families.

"I JUST HAD A SORE THROAT"

...I should have stayed home

Went to work. Tested positive for **COVID-19**. Spread virus to colleagues and the entire business had to close for 2 weeks.



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Handy Contacts

MEALS-ON-WHEELS, TRANSPORTATION TO ESSENTIAL MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS:

Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre – 705-246-0036

(Facebook.com/Trefrycentre).

FRIENDLY PHONE VISITING & “CHECK-IN” CALLING:

Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre – 705-246-0036

(Facebook.com/Trefrycentre).

Algoma District Services Administration Board (ADSAB): Assistance with bills or housing.

Phone: 705-356-2263 or 1-800-461-7263

Email: info@adsab.on.ca

Website: www.adsab.on.ca

ALGOMA PUBLIC HEALTH:

Website: www.algomapublichealth.com

Call 705-541-7370 or Toll Free: 1-888-440-3730

Mental Health Case Management & Housing Services Addiction Services: 705-759-3935

Addiction Assessment, Counselling & Housing Services: 705-942-4646, Ext.3148

211 ONTARIO:

Call 211 to be connected to Community and Social Services in your area 24hrs a day 365 days a year.

Recycling Changes

Changes to how we recycle are coming soon.

Soon you will notice 2 new bins at the landfill site. It is imperative that everyone plays their part when recycling and works to divert recyclables from the landfill.

One of the new bins will hold paper fibers:

- corrugated cardboard
- boxboard
- newspaper
- fine paper
- magazines
- office paper
- and more

The second will be mixed recyclables:

- aluminum cans
- steel/tin cans
- plastics #1 through #7

The most important part of proper recycling is to make sure your items are clean! Recyclable items left dirty will contaminate the entire bin and end up in the landfill.

The landfill also accepts scrap metals and electronic waste - the municipality gets paid for the items which will help to cut down on cost.

