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**Subject: COVID-19 Community Update – POTENTIAL
EXPOSURE NOTIFICATION**

**NOTICE TO THE COMMUNITY
COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE**

This notice was prepared in addition to my previous notice dated November 12th, 2021. The Algoma District continues to experience a surge in COVID-19 cases, and we are urging all Community Members to maintain their due diligence at this time.

Please stay updated on the Algoma Public Health Facebook Page and Website for up to date, current information associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic. In turn, I will continue to provide updates to the community as it directly relates to our borders.

I would personally like to extend my heartfelt thoughts and prayers to those members affected by the recent surge in COVID-19 cases. Kindly follow all health guidelines and recommendations to help keep everyone safe, healthy, and to **“Stop The Surge”**. I want to express my gratitude to our entire staff and highlight the heroic and continuous efforts of our GRFN Wellness Team during these unprecedented times. The day-to-day functions and professionalism speaks to the dedication and commitment of the overall service provided to our membership during this Pandemic.

COVID-19 CONFIRMED CASES UPDATE

On November 12th, 2021 the Garden River First Nation was made aware of an additional **two (2)** confirmed cases of COVID-19 associated with persons who reside within the community. Additionally, on today’s date, November 14th, 2021, **two (2)** more cases were also confirmed.

At the time of writing, there are **ten (10)** active cases of COVID-19 associated with persons who reside in the community. The Algoma Public Health Unit is reporting a total of 135 active cases with 13 people currently hospitalized within the Algoma District.



POTENTIAL EXPOSURE – GRFN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (BAND OFFICE)

The Garden River Wellness Center, in association with the Algoma Public Health Unit, is advising anyone who was at the GRFN Administration Building (Band Office), located at 7 Shingwauk St., in Garden River between **November 1st, 2021 and November 13th, 2021** to follow public health guidance.

Actions to take:

Any individual who was present on the date and times listed in the potential exposure is asked to:

Self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 for 10 days from potential exposure.

Self-isolate immediately if symptoms develop.

Seek testing if symptoms occur.

ALGOMA PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT REMINDERS

“This was a difficult week. With the announcement of several new cases, someone you know might be feeling worried, stressed, overwhelmed or all of the above. This is a gentle reminder to reach out and Check-In with someone you may know who might be struggling.”¹

“Given the high rates of COVID-19 in our area, even if your symptoms are mild, you should get tested. Even with mild symptoms, stay home and isolate away from other, regardless of whether you have received the COVID-19 Vaccine. Seek testing right away and self-isolate to reduce the chances of spreading the virus to others unknowingly. The longer you wait, the more people you can infect.”²

- “Even if you are fully vaccinated, cut back on unnecessary activities where you have unmasked face-to-face close contact with people you don’t live with”;
- “Anyone who is sick, even with mild symptoms, must stay home and isolate away from others, regardless of whether you have received the COVID-19 Vaccine”;
- “Stay home if you aren’t feeling well”;
- “Limit your close contacts”;
- “Avoid large gatherings”;
- “Wear a mask”;
- “Wash your hands”;
- “Get fully vaccinated”³

GARDEN RIVER FIRST NATION DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

All non-essential employees will be working virtually in Step 1 of the GRFN COVID-19 Reopening Plan. All offices are closed to the public and buildings will remain locked to restrict access. These increased safety measures are EFFECTIVE UNTIL NOVEMBER 22ND, 2021.

Please refer to the attached directory for immediate/emergent assistance and staff will be able to direct your inquiries. All community events planned from now until November 22nd, 2021 will be virtual.

¹ <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=algoma%20public%20health>

² <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=algoma%20public%20health>

³ <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=algoma%20public%20health>



GARDEN RIVER FIRST NATION ADMINISTRATION / STAFF DIRECTORY DURING STEP 1 CLOSURE:

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		Christine Jones		cjones@gardenriver.org
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GR Public Works	705-946-6300	Darcy Lesage	705-257-8001	dlesage@gardenriver.org
GR Aggregates	705-254-2657	Warren Boissoneau	705-941-8576	wboissoneau@gardenriver.org
Silver Creek Golf Course	705-942-2080	TJ Boissoneau		tj@golfsilvercreek.com
Ojibway Park	705-248-1520	Amy Sayers	705-206-3070	amysayers@gardenriver.org
Bingo Hall	705-253-8718	Amy Sayers	705-206-3070	amysayers@gardenriver.org
GR Fire Department	705-253-1870	Steve Nolan	705-254-8092	snolan@gardenriver.org
GR Child Care Center	705-256-5600	Belinda Camara		bcamara@gardenriver.org
ERCD	705-946-6300	Darlene Solomon	705-542-5747	dsolomon@gardenriver.org
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Additionally, if you have any general public health concerns, questions or inquiries directly related to COVID-19, please reach out to:

- Jessica Grawbarger, Wellness Center Manager, Cell: 705-971-4204
- Tanya Boissoneau, Executive Assistant, Cell: 705-971-7833
- Garden River Wellness Center Nursing Station, Ph: 1-249-525-6459
- Algoma Public Health Unit, Ph: 705-759-5404

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