



# FIRST NATION CONTROL GROUP COMMUNITY BRIEFING



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August 12, 2022

## CURRENT ACTIVE CASES IN THE COMMUNITY OF BEAR ISLAND

CASES	STATUS
7	Active
88	Total # of Cases Since Jan. 2022

AS OF AUGUST 11, 2022 11:00 AM

PLEASE REPORT ANY POSITIVE RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS TO PAULA  
AT 705-237-8900 EXT. 304 (WEEK OF AUG. 8 - AUG. 15)

## RAPID TESTING

### Now by Appointment Only.

The Rapid Testing Service will now only be available to those **experiencing COVID-19 symptoms** and will be available by appointment only until further notice.

To book your appointment, call  
**705-237-8900 ext. 316**

## RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS AVAILABLE AT THE DPHC



## Monitoring the Surge in Cases

Hello everyone,  
Today is August 11, 2022 and at 2:20 pm we have 7 confirmed case of **COVID-19**, which is affecting 4 different households.

At this point this surge in cases are being managed and we are hoping that they have been contained. This note is to ask the community members to ramp up their vigilance in regard to visiting, masking or gathering. Since the COVID-19 Virus has been declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020, the prevention measures that were in place to stop the spread have eased. Therefore, it is extremely important to use your own discretion as to how you are going to lessen your own risk of exposure.

### 3 good questions to ask your self:

Is it vitally important that I attend a gathering; Large dinner, concerts ect.?

Is it that important to me to visit people in their homes or can I visit them outside where there is less risk?

Should I still be wearing a mask & sanitizing whenever I go out in public, even though it is not mandatory?

I think staying in our family bubble is still very important and not having lots of visitors into our home will also help in our efforts to not acquire the virus.

Although Bear Island is a small community and we appear to have modern equipment, we need to acknowledge that we are a minimum of approximately 2 hours away from a hospital. If one of our members gets gravely ill, there are minimal staff to help with a seriously ill person.

We are very fortunate that our vaccination rate is over 80% and our rapid testing provisions has helped to identify COVID positive cases, Our community members continue to responsibly share their positive results and isolate as soon a possible.

Keep up the good work and we will all get through this together.

Miigwetch,  
Paula Potts, Pandemic Safety Coordinator.  
Temagami First Nation

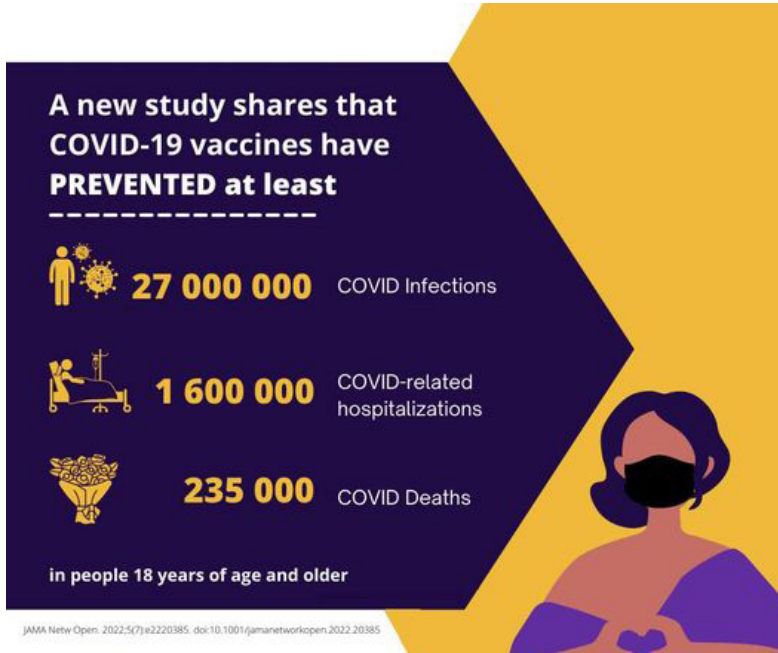
## CONTACT INFORMATION

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PAULA POTTS  
705-237-8900 EXT. 304

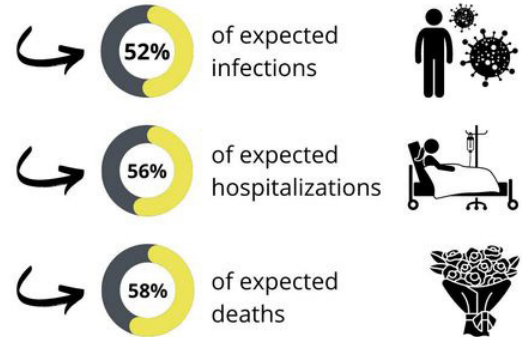
**COVID-19 RAPID TESTING**  
705-237-8900 EXT. 316  
(LEAVE A MESSAGE IF NO ANSWER)

**COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE**  
DELMA PESHABO  
705-237-8900 EXT. 305

# Vaccines Work!



**As of September 30, 2021, it is believed that COVID-19 vaccinations have PREVENTED about**



JAMA Netw Open. 2022;5(7):e2220385. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2022.20385  
**Vaccines work. Keep them up to date!**

## Why might people still wear a mask?

- Some places still require them.
- They are immunocompromised.
- Their family members are immunocompromised.
- Because they want to.

## Don't let your guard down.

COVID-19 is still very active in our communities.



## Why get vaccinated against COVID-19?

- Prevents serious outcomes
- Helps prevent or reduce the spread of COVID-19
- Helps to protect the community

## COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

### Clinic Schedule

The FNCG in partnership are planning another COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic on Bear Island. We will advise on the next date once it is confirmed.

Medical experts advise that you get your first or next vaccine as soon as you are eligible to do so.

To find a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic near you, go to the following websites:  
**Timiskaming District:** <https://www.timiskaminghu.com/90513/COVID-19-Vaccine#CurrentClinics>

**North Bay and Area:** <https://www.myhealthunit.ca/en/health-topics/covid-19-vaccine-appointments.asp#ClinicSchedule>