

Kiteley, Alana

From: Basaraba, Christi (AADNC/AANDC) <christi.basaraba@canada.ca>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 11:52 AM
To: Kiteley, Alana
Cc: Theis, Rick; Heus, Katharine (Ext.)
Subject: Re: Heads-up: Covid-19 Positive Case Eabametoong First Nation

Hey- sorry for the delay. Just checking with Sherry.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 19, 2020, at 11:45 AM, Kiteley, Alana <Alana.Kiteley@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

Following up on this one re: Clearwater. Anything new? I saw this AM that some a number of measures have been put in place. Any additional support we're providing from a federal perspective? Thanks.

From: Theis, Rick <Rick.Theis@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 8:47 AM
To: Basaraba, Christi (AADNC/AANDC) <christi.basaraba@canada.ca>
Cc: Kiteley, Alana <Alana.Kiteley@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Heus, Katharine (Ext.) <katharine.heus@canada.ca>
Subject: Re: Heads-up: Covid-19 Positive Case Eabametoong First Nation

Thx Christi. Anything on the Dene community?

On Jun 18, 2020, at 12:26 AM, Basaraba, Christi (AADNC/AANDC) <christi.basaraba@canada.ca> wrote:

Hey Alana-

Sorry for the delay on this. Here is some updates we have received today:

Fort Hope Update:

- Dept had calls with Chief Yesno today, conversation included use of BluMed units and meeting the infrastructure needs of the community.
- Chief Yesno reported he is receiving timely information from Sioux Lookout First Nation Health Authority and Indigenous Services Canada.
- Chief and Council have not taken a final decision if their community will return to a lockdown.
- The Chief expects to have a decision on this matter tomorrow.
- Regarding the Covid-19 cases, contact tracing is underway. As per the Public Health Agreement, Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority is supported for tracing by Indigenous Services Canada nurses in the community.
- There are 8 nurses in the community.

All other Community Update:

- A call late Tuesday took place with Northwestern Public Health Unit Medical Officers of Health, Thunder Bay District Public Health Unit, Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority, Indigenous Services Canada;
- The objective of the call was to review the most recent results from the Meno Ya Win Hospital lab and differing results from initial test and confirmatory retests.
- There was a lengthy discussion, a number of questions and all parties recognized how disconcerting this situation remains.
- Ontario Regional Public Health Physician has requested that the National Microbiology Lab speak with MOHs to describe more the technical aspect of the different testing methods and how discrepant results should be interpreted.
- For cases within the Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority, case management and contact are still underway while retesting reviews continue.
- For Rainy River the Northwestern Public Health Unit has stated that they have concerns with the Meno Ya Win Lab results as positive results are not being replicated or confirmed. The change in interpretation of the result to negative has been communicated to the "case".
- Swab testing in the Kenora area are sent to the National Microbiology Lab, therefore those tests are not of concern for this review.

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On Jun 17, 2020, at 3:28 PM, Kiteley, Alana <Alana.Kiteley@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

Hi Katharine,

Any update on this one, or Clearwater Dene?

Thank you.

From: Theis, Rick <Rick.Theis@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:08 PM

To: Heus, Katharine (Ext.) <katharine.heus@canada.ca>; Kiteley, Alana <Alana.Kiteley@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>

Subject: Re: Heads-up: Covid-19 Positive Case Eabametoong First Nation

Adding Alana. Ok.

On Jun 16, 2020, at 2:04 PM, Heus, Katharine (AADNC/AANDC) <katharine.heus@canada.ca> wrote:

Quick heads-up. Will share more as it becomes available.

From: Boyce, Kerry (AADNC/AANDC) <kerry.boyce@canada.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 1:56 PM

To: Marsh, Griffin (AADNC/AANDC) <griffin.marsh@canada.ca>

Cc: Patel, Joyce (AADNC/AANDC) <joyce.patel@canada.ca>; Heus, Katharine (AADNC/AANDC) <katharine.heus@canada.ca>; Burton, Mike (AADNC/AANDC)

<mike.burton@canada.ca>; Basaraba, Christi (AADNC/AANDC)
<christi.basaraba@canada.ca>

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From FNIHB:

This morning Ontario Region was alerted of a possible issue with GenX testing at the Meno Ya Win hospital laboratory. The lab reported 6 positive results today in asymptomatic persons from non endemic communities, of which 2 have now been determined to be actually negative. The other 4 tests are under review and the Northwestern Health Unit is investigating.

When Ontario region receives the results of the investigation we will be in a position to further update. Reminder reports are provided daily.

As per the Public Health responsibilities, Sioux Lookout First Nation Health Authority, has contact tracing underway for the two presumed cases from Mishkegomang, and continues with the investigation in Eabametoong.

From: Marsh, Griffin (AADNC/AANDC) <griffin.marsh@canada.ca>

Sent: June 16, 2020 11:27 AM

To: Boyce, Kerry (AADNC/AANDC) <kerry.boyce@canada.ca>

Cc: Patel, Joyce (AADNC/AANDC) <joyce.patel@canada.ca>; Heus, Katharine (AADNC/AANDC) <katharine.heus@canada.ca>; Burton, Mike (AADNC/AANDC) <mike.burton@canada.ca>; Basaraba, Christi (AADNC/AANDC) <christi.basaraba@canada.ca>

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Seeing on Twitter there has been two more confirmed cases today?

<https://twitter.com/JorgeBarrera/status/1272942659146076160?s=20>

Any further details on Fort Hope from SLFNHA? Also looking for an update on Mishkeegomang.

Thanks,
Griffin

From: Boyce, Kerry (AADNC/AANDC) <kerry.boyce@canada.ca>

Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 12:26 PM

To: Marsh, Griffin (AADNC/AANDC) <griffin.marsh@canada.ca>

Cc: Patel, Joyce (AADNC/AANDC) <joyce.patel@canada.ca>; Heus, Katharine (AADNC/AANDC) <katharine.heus@canada.ca>; Burton, Mike (AADNC/AANDC) <mike.burton@canada.ca>

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From Eabametoong:

- Ontario Region has left a few voice messages to Chief Yesno this yesterday and again morning. Upon speaking to the Chief we can offer an update if there is critical information received.

In Community:

-14 swabs were completed between Friday and yesterday Saturday June 13th, 2020. Among these tests, 7 were nurses, two support staff, one physician, and 4 were from immediate family of the confirmed case. All results were **negative**.

- contact tracing is ongoing, contacts of immediate family completed. Work is now progressing on broader community. 15 persons were swabbed yesterday. All swabs will be sent out this afternoon.

-Services at the nursing station: since Friday June 12th, we have intensified triaging and are open for emergencies only and those patients on DOT. Telephone advice and chart reviews by the community physician who is currently in community has also been intensified to help improve health care access to community members. Patients flow/appointments and processes in the nursing station are again being reviewed to ensure that the health care services at the nursing station are delivered in a manner that is safe, convenient, timely and efficient to both the healthcare provider and the clients. This is a regular occurrence adhering to quality assurance principles.

- 200 swabs were received yesterday which brings the current count to 500 swabs in community.

-Additional PPE has been ordered

-SLFNHA COVID 19 team is providing direction

To the questions, please see below

Two sets of questions from MINO.

Further to these questions:

- Is the positive case being retested? Given that it appears as an isolated incident? The patient remains in hospital, Meno Ya Win hospital and the Physician will determine the need for additional tests.
- If this is a confirmed positive (it is confirmed), is there any discussion of doing testing for the entire community (testing is taking place and the community will be encouraging testing for any community member), given that there could be wide community spread or numerous contacts? Since we also have the precedent in Wabaseamong?

A few questions:

1. Why was the elder medicated? Due to COVID?
2. When was the test taken?
3. Any ideas on how they contracted the virus?

On June 12 Region replied to the same questions:

1. Why was the elder medivaced? Due to COVID? The elder has been sick for some time and required transfer to a higher level of care. The physician considered Covid-19 as a possible cause of the illness, hence testing.
2. When was the test taken? The swab was collected in the community on Thursday, June 11, 2020. The testing was done in Sioux Lookout. The result was received this morning.
2. Any ideas on how they contracted the virus? This would be determined through contact tracing process. This process would be led by SLFNHA.

From: Marsh, Griffin (AADNC/AANDC) <griffin.marsh@canada.ca>

Sent: June 12, 2020 5:04 PM

To: Patel, Joyce (AADNC/AANDC) <joyce.patel@canada.ca>; Heus, Katharine (AADNC/AANDC) <katharine.heus@canada.ca>; Burton, Mike (AADNC/AANDC) <mike.burton@canada.ca>

Cc: Boyce, Kerry (AADNC/AANDC) <kerry.boyce@canada.ca>

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- If this is a confirmed positive, is there any discussion of doing testing for the entire community, given that there could be wide community spread or numerous contacts? Since we also have the precedent in Wabaseemong?

Thanks!

From: Marsh, Griffin (AADNC/AANDC)

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 12:31 PM

To: Patel, Joyce (AADNC/AANDC) <joyce.patel@canada.ca>; Heus, Katharine (AADNC/AANDC) <katharine.heus@canada.ca>; Burton, Mike (AADNC/AANDC) <mike.burton@canada.ca>

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Thanks for the heads up Joyce.

Would appreciate any further updates as they come in.

A few questions:

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2. When was the test taken?
3. Any ideas on how they contracted the virus?

Thanks so much,
Griffin

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To: Marsh, Griffin (AADNC/AANDC) <griffin.marsh@canada.ca>; Heus, Katharine (AADNC/AANDC) <katharine.heus@canada.ca>; Burton, Mike (AADNC/AANDC) <mike.burton@canada.ca>
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Importance: High

FYI – just alerted to a new positive case in Eabametoong First Nation (see details below). Julien to reach out to Chief Yesno asap. We will continue to monitor the needs of the community and provide additional resources as required.

Just received notification of an elder who tested positive case of Covid-19 this morning. The elder was medevac'd yesterday and is currently in the SLMYHC where he is receiving care. An urgent meeting organized by SLFNHA is currently underway to discuss contact management, communication notification, etc.

As it relates to ISC nursing station see below current status:

Staffing

- 7 nurses (including a surge PHN)

Oxygen

- Small = 8 tanks
- Large = 5 tanks

NP Swabs

- 300 swabs

PPEs

- 42 surgical masks / 50 mask per box = 2100 surgical mask
- Gowns = 125 pieces
- Gloves = 117 boxes/250 per box = 29, 250 gloves
- Faceshield = 170
- N95 = 51 boxes/ 20 per box = 1,020 N95 masks