



PRESS RELEASE

Town of Fort Frances Emergency Control Group

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – January 8th, 2021

The Town of Fort Frances Emergency Control Group (FFECG) met on Friday January 8th, 2021 to follow-up with Community Stakeholders related to keeping our community safe. The FFECG is continuing to monitor the COVID-19 situation and are following the guidance from Public Health and senior levels of Government.

The Control Group continues to stress the importance of the following measures to keep yourself and the public safe:

- Northwestern Health Unit (NWHU) urges the public to get tested for COVID-19 if they have any symptom of the virus. Some people infected with COVID-19 may show very mild symptoms that go away quickly, however, they can still spread the virus to others.
- The importance of self-isolating when symptoms appear is critical to stopping the spread.
- As school resumes in person across the region on Monday, parents are reminded to do their part to keep schools safe and open. NWHU is asking that parents reinforce the importance of public health measures with their children, including encouraging mask use, hand hygiene and physical distancing.
- The NWHU is asking that all parents screen their children every day before school using the student screening tool found on the Province of Ontario's website.
- Anyone with questions about how to get tested is asked to call their local assessment centre.
- The International border remains closed until January 21st. For further information regarding the closure or exceptions please visit the CBSA website at <https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/menu-eng.html>.

We also want to remind the public that all Municipal indoor facilities are closed to the public during the current Province wide shutdown.

We thank you for your patience and understanding and would like you to be reassured that we will continue to take precautions to help keep our staff and the general public safe during this difficult time. We encourage anyone who requires further information to visit our website, follow The Town of Fort Frances on Facebook or Twitter or visit the Northwestern Health Unit COVID-19 hotline at 1-866-468-2240 or their website at www.nwhu.on.ca/covid19.

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