



Internal Update

Friday, December 4, 2020



COVID-19 Response Framework
Current Level for our Region



Orange - Restrict
(intermediate measures)

Enhanced measures, restrictions and enforcement, avoiding any closures.

Click [here](#) for more details on this level.



COVID-19 Monitoring Dashboard

This dashboard presents status levels of four domains (below) using a three colour-coded system (Red, Yellow & Green) that reflect the SMDHU's assessment of current state of the pandemic in Simcoe Muskoka, and our local public health system.

Current Overall Status: Yellow - Indicators Need Attention



Virus Spread & Containment

Status: **Yellow**



Laboratory Testing

Status: **Yellow**



Health System Capacity

Status: **Yellow**



Public Health System Capacity

Status: **Red**

For more details on the COVID-19 Monitoring Dashboard for our region, please click [here](#).

Free Flu Shot Clinic for Town of Midland Staff

The County of Simcoe Paramedic Services will be providing a free flu shot clinic for Town staff on:

Wednesday, December 9 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre

Please notify your manager/supervisor if you plan to attend during your shift, so accommodations can be made.

Please note we are only able to accommodate Town staff at this clinic. Health cards are required.

Supervisors/Managers, please print and post this update in your area and discuss with your employees to ensure they're aware of these topics.

1) Feds outline plan to administer first COVID-19 vaccines, launching 'dry run' next week

- The federal government has outlined its initial plans to administer what are being considered Canada's "Track 1" COVID-19 vaccines - Pfizer and Moderna - in the "coming weeks and months."
- "We'll have a dry run in every province, and they will execute, and they'll ensure that - without the vaccine of course - they execute the process of handling and ensuring that people are comfortable with the very unique requirements of handling an ultra-low temperature vaccine," said Maj. Gen. Dany Fortin, who is running Canada's logistical side of the vaccine effort, on Thursday at a press briefing in Ottawa.

Read the full CTV article here: [Feds outline plan to administer first COVID-19 vaccines](#)

2) First COVID-19 vaccines coming in early 2021 in Ontario, supply will be very limited

- Ontario Premier Doug Ford has announced the first COVID-19 vaccines will be available in the province in early 2021 but supply will be "very limited."
- Health Minister Christine Elliott said that Ontario will make the first vaccines available to frontline health-care workers and people in long-term care homes. This will help lower the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

For more details you can read the full CTV article here: [First COVID-19 vaccines coming in early 2021](#)



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3) Town of Midland - COVID-19 Active Pre-Screening

- As of Saturday, December 5, 2020, all workplaces are to ensure active screening is conducted daily for all workers attending the workplace in-person. Screening should occur before or when a worker enters the workplace at the beginning of their day or shift
- For Town Hall Employees please submit your completed screening questionnaire upon your arrival into the box in front of the roll up window outside of Human Resources each day. A member of the HR team will update the tracker each day.
- Please note we are looking into an App for screening and will update employees as more information is made available.
- Thank you in advance for doing your part to stop the spread of COVID.

Clarification on Screening Question #1

Many of us may experience any or some of the symptoms listed on the screening on a regular basis, pre-COVID like:

- Runny nose
- Cough
- Nasal congestion
- Not feeling well

When completing the Screening questions remember to only check YES if these symptoms are:

- New
- Not chronic
- Worsening
- Related to other known causes or conditions

Example of other known causes or conditions:

- Coming in from being out side for a period of time to a warm building one may have a runny nose.
- You have a history of Bronchitis when the cold weather arrives
- Your doing home renovations and your body is tired and sore and your throat is sore from drywall dust.

Should you have any questions please contact Human Resources.

In the event you answer “YES” to the COVID Screening Questionnaire:

- Do not come into work or enter the workplace.
- Call your Manager, who will review with you “available options”
- Contact the Health Unit to schedule a COVID Test in your area
- Update your Manager regarding the direction from the Health Unit and when you receive your test results.

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Required Screening Questions

1. Do you have any of the following **new or worsening** symptoms or signs? *Symptoms should not be chronic or related to other known causes or conditions.*

- | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fever or chills | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Cough | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Sore throat, trouble swallowing | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Runny nose/stuffy nose or nasal congestion | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Decrease or loss of smell or taste | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Not feeling well, extreme tiredness, sore muscles | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

2. Have you travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days?

- Yes No

3. Have you had close contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19?

- Yes No

Results of Screening Questions:

- If the individual answers **NO to all questions from 1 through 3**, they have passed and can enter the workplace.
- If the individual answers **YES to any questions from 1 through 3**, they have not passed and **should be advised that they should not** enter the workplace (including any outdoor, or partially outdoor, workplaces). They should go home to self-isolate immediately and contact their health care provider or Telehealth Ontario (1 866-797-0000) to find out if they need a COVID-19 test.

Can't make it to the Free Flu Clinic for Town of Midland Staff?

Get your flu shot at the North Simcoe Family Health Team Immunization Flu Clinic

- Monday To Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Call to book an appointment: 705-526-7804
- Ages 6 Months and Up
- If You Have Any COVID-19 Symptoms Please do not come to the Clinic
- Masks are Mandatory upon entry.
- They will not be offering the High Dose (HD TIV) Flu Vaccine

New Location:

619 Prospect Boulevard, Suite 3
Midland, ON

For more details visit the
North Simcoe Family Health Team
website: <https://nsfht.ca/>

If an appointment is only possible during working hours, the Senior Leadership Team supports Managers and Supervisors making accommodations for employees to attend an appointment for the flu shot with advance notice.