



Internal Update

Friday, November 20, 2020



COVID-19 Response Framework

Current Level for our Region

Protect – Yellow
(strengthened measures)

Enhanced targeted enforcement, fines and enhanced education to limit further transmission. Public health measures for high risk settings.

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: **Red**



Health System Capacity

Status: **Yellow**



Public Health System Capacity

Status: **Yellow**

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

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) SMDHU: Winter/holiday celebrations, gatherings and services

- So far in November there have been 19 clusters due to family gatherings with the number of positive cases associated with each gathering ranging from 2-11.
- As we saw with Thanksgiving, gatherings will increase transmission.
- It is important at this time during the pandemic to have close contact with only those people in your immediate household.
- Limit celebrations/meals to people in your immediate bubble only.
- For all other parties, celebrations and services, consider ways to connect and celebrate virtually.

2) Midland COVID Assessment Centre now booking appointments online

- As of Tuesday, November 17, the Midland COVID-19 Assessment centre is now offering online appointment booking via the Georgian Bay General Hospital website.
- Anyone in need of an appointment can do so here: <http://gbgh.on.ca/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-updates/>
- Appointments can still be made via telephone by calling 705-529-1024 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., seven days a week.

3) Encouraging news on COVID-19 Vaccines

Two vaccines have shown remarkable results so far in testing:

Moderna and NIAID - (source: [Moderna vaccine results 'stunningly impressive': Fauci](#))

- On Monday, November 16, Moderna and National Institutes of Allergies & Infectious Diseases (NIAID) announced their preliminary results based on 95 of the 30,000 volunteers they had recruited who fell ill with COVID-19.
- Of the 95, 90 had been in the trial's placebo group, and five in the group that received the drug called mRNA-1273, translating to an efficacy rate of 94.5 percent.

Pfizer - (source: [Pfizer says COVID-19 shot 95% effective, seeking clearance soon](#))

- Pfizer said Wednesday, November 18, that new test results show its coronavirus vaccine is 95 per cent effective, is safe and also protects older people most at risk of dying. The new results are part of the last data the company needed to seek emergency use of limited shot supplies as the catastrophic outbreak worsens across the globe.
- The vaccine testing, which involved over 44,000 volunteers, has accumulated 170 infections in the study with only eight of them occurring in volunteers who got the actual vaccine rather than a placebo.

Ontario expects to receive a combined 2.4 million doses of the two vaccines during the first quarter of 2021, with more to follow.

Reminder: Get your flu shot: North Simcoe Family Health Team Immunization Flu Clinic

- Monday To Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Call to book an appointment: 705-721-7520
- 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.