



# Internal Update

Tuesday, February 9, 2021



## Provincewide Shutdown

Stay-at-Home Orders to remain in effect in SMDHU until February 16, 2021.

The second provincial emergency will end on February 10, 2021.



### 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: Red** - Indicators Need Attention



Virus Spread & Containment  
Status: **Red**



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](#).**

**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) Provincial Emergency ends February 10, Stay-at-Home Order remains in effect for 31 Health Regions

The government is moving to a regional approach and maintaining the shutdown in the majority of the public health regions in Ontario, including the Stay-at-Home order and all existing public health and workplace safety measures. When it is safe to do so, the province will gradually transition each region from the shutdown measures to a revised and strengthened [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#) (the "Framework").

The following three regions will be moving back to the Framework at the Green-Prevent level on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. and will no longer be subject to the Stay-at-Home order:

- Hastings Prince Edward Public Health;
- Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health; and
- Renfrew County and District Health Unit.

It is proposed that the Stay-at-Home order will continue to apply to 28 public health regions until Tuesday, February 16, 2021. For Toronto, Peel and York regions, it is proposed that the Stay-at-Home order will continue to apply until Monday, February 22, 2021. Final decisions will be subject to review of the trends in public health indicators at that time.

Click [here](#) to read the full media release from the Ontario Government.

### 2) Town of Midland Active Screening

Our Active Screening SOP and the Health Unit states you must screen prior to entry into any facility or vehicle. There has been some confusion on the definition 'Probable'. The definition of probable as noted in our H&S Policy, Pandemic Case Management;

Probable Case: is a person, who has not had a COVID-19 test but who has symptoms compatible with COVID-19 and any of the following within 14 calendar days:

- Traveled to an affected area (including inside of Canada), or
- Had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19, or
- Lived in or worked in a facility known to be experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19, or



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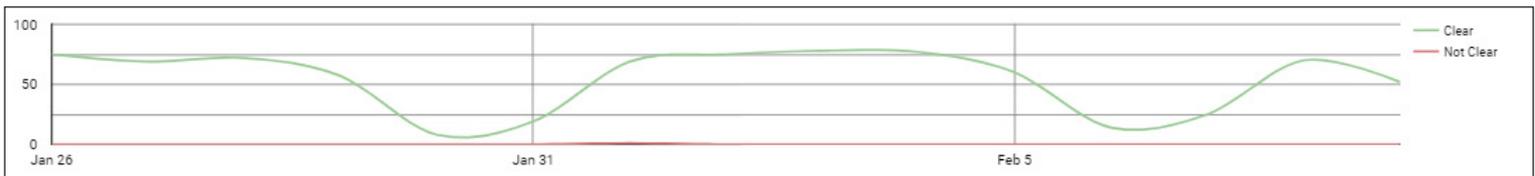
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- A person with symptoms compatible with COVID-19 and in whom laboratory diagnosis of COVID-19 is inconclusive.

We encourage all employees who are not yet using [Go Evo](#) to get the app and complete prior to entry into a Town facility or vehicle. You can use your home devices (tablet, laptop, cell-phone etc.) before you even leave your home that day. Using the app every day takes less than 30 seconds to complete as opposed to any manual active screening. Go EVO!

Town of Midland Active Screening Statistics (January 26 - February 9, 2021):

- 820 total users.
- Average of 59 users per day.
- To date, 2,443 clear screenings.



### 3) North Simcoe COVID-19 Joint Communications Plan

In an effort to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, and with the new UK variant currently increasing in numbers, Penetanguishene, Tay, Tiny and Midland have partnered together to reinforce the message that everyone should stay at home as much as possible, even with the stay-at-home order potentially being lifted next week in our region.

Some communications have already begun, while others you will see in the coming days/weeks:

- Social media posts with a joint message and graphic (similar to the email banner) – February 5;
- Website sliders promoting the same message – February 5;
- Digital sign messaging in all four municipalities – February 5;
- The email signature banner – February 8;
- Radio advertisement and social media video with a joint message from all four mayors – to roll out the week of Feb. 15; and
- Stay Home, Stay Safe, Save Lives messaging to appear in the mayor columns and community pages in the Mirror.

# NORTH SIMCOE

Stay Home. Stay Safe.  Save Lives. 



## I have been exposed to someone who has recently tested positive for COVID-19, what should I do?

From the SMDHU: If you have been identified as a close contact, and have been informed by public health or by someone in your life who has tested positive it is very important that you read this [fact sheet](#) (December 22, 2020) and take the following steps to stop the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home and self-isolate for 14 days after your last contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19.
- Only leave the house to get tested. For testing centre locations visit our assessment centres and testing page.
- Monitor yourself for symptoms of COVID-19.
- If you do get tested you must still self-isolate while you wait for your results. Even if your test result is negative you must continue to self-isolate for the full 14 days.