



Internal Update

Tuesday, March 2, 2021



COVID-19 Response Framework

Current Level for our Region

Lockdown - Grey
(maximum measures)

Widescale measures and restrictions, including closures, to halt or interrupt transmission.

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: 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) "Emergency Brake" applied: Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit region moves into Grey-Lockdown level of Provincial Framework

As of Monday, March 1, the SMHDU region is in the Grey-Lockdown level of the [Provincial Response Framework](#).

From the SMDHU:

- Our region has been moved into this level due to a surge in cases of the B.1.1.7 (the UK) variant of COVID-19 in Barrie, throughout Simcoe County and in the District of Muskoka.
- We have the largest number of UK variant cases in the province. To date 190 local cases have been tested positive for the COVID-19 variant of concern UK B.1.1.7 and another 309 cases have screened positive and are awaiting confirmatory testing.
- "Emergency Brake" is a short-term measure meant to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and to protect public health and the health system capacity in our region.
- We need to act to prevent a third wave, which has been the experience in other countries that experienced high numbers of cases of the UK variant.

For more details on COVID-19 in our region please visit the [SMDHU's COVID-19 Health Stats](#) page.

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

2) Community COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics open up throughout Simcoe Muskoka

On Monday, March 1, the SMDHU launched its COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign, to deliver vaccines to residents in Simcoe Muskoka. Vaccination Clinics will be open in Barrie, Orillia, Innisfil, South Simcoe, South Georgian Bay, Muskoka and in Midland (at the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre) and Penetanguishene (Penetanguishene Arena).

Who is currently eligible for the vaccine?

- Adults 85 years of age and older;



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- Indigenous adults 55 years of age and older, and their household members that are 16 or older;
- Very High Priority Health Care workers (Click [here](#) for Ministry of Health's Guidance on Health Care Working Prioritization); and
- Adult recipients of chronic home care.

Vaccination appointments can be [booked online](#) or by calling 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7250.

For more details, please visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's [COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunization web page](#).

Thank you all Town Staff who assisted the SMDHU in establishing the vaccination clinic at the NSSRC, and for your continued assistance in supporting our recreation centre this year.

3) 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
- 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 (February 16 - March 2, 2021):

- 859 total users.
- Average of 61 users per day.
- To date, 3,546 clear screenings.



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](#) (updated February 5, 2021) 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. It is recommended you seek testing within 7 days from your last exposure to the person who tested positive for COVID and then again on or after 10 days from your last exposure to them. For testing centre locations visit the [SMDHU website](#).
- Monitor yourself for **symptoms** of COVID-19. If symptoms develop, please get tested again, even if you were recently tested.
- 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.