

Media Release

Investigation of Outbreak at Young-Davidson Mine in Matachewan

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On November 4, 2020, Dr Glenn Corneil, Acting Medical Officer and CEO for the Timiskaming Health Unit, declared an outbreak of COVID -19 that is connected to the Young-Davidson mine located just outside of Matachewan. The Timiskaming Health Unit has been working closely with mine management to ensure all necessary contact tracing is being completed. The mine's management is taking all the necessary precautions to reduce the risk of infection and prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

Three positive cases have been confirmed. All three employees reside primarily outside of the Timiskaming district and will therefore not be reported in the positive case count for our district, as per ministry guidelines.

The situation continues to be under investigation, and more information will be provided as needed. If you have been identified as a local close contact of a positive case you already have, or will be contacted by public health.

Dr. Glenn Corneil said, "Everyone involved in this investigation has provided valuable support." He added, "COVID-19 can appear quickly in an area at any given time and everyone needs to remain vigilant in order to ensure we do everything we can to reduce the spread of COVID."

People are reminded to:

- Continue practicing physical distancing
- Wear a mask or face covering in public indoor spaces
- Wash hands frequently and do not touch your face
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow
- Do not gather in large groups
- Stay home if unwell and contact your local Assessment Centre (AC) to schedule an appointment for testing
- Respect public health and any additional safety measures businesses have put in place
- Reach out to vulnerable people in your community who may need support
- Limit non-essential travel

For more information on COVID-19 go to www.timiskaminghu.com and the [Ontario Coronavirus website](#).

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