



Media Release

Outbreak at Young-Davidson Mine in Matachewan April 25, 2021 – For immediate release

On April 25, 2021, Dr Glenn Corneil, Acting Medical Officer of Health and CEO for the Timiskaming Health Unit, declared an outbreak of COVID -19 at the Young-Davidson mine located just outside of Matachewan.

A workplace outbreak is defined as two or more laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases with an epidemiological link in the workplace (e.g., same work area, same shift) within a 14-day period where both cases could have reasonably acquired their infection in the workplace.

Timiskaming Health Unit has been working closely with mine management to ensure all necessary contact tracing and testing is being completed. The mine's management team is taking all the necessary precautions to reduce the risk of infection and prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

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

Dr. Glenn Corneil said, "As the third wave of COVID-19 continues to penetrate into Ontario and the Timiskaming district with increasing variants of concern (VOCs), everyone needs to do their part in order to ensure we do everything we can to reduce the spread of COVID-19."

People are reminded to:

- Stay Home unless it's for essential reasons
- Only gather with members of your own household, indoors or outdoors. People living alone can attach themselves to one other household
- If you can work from home, you should do so
- Wear a mask in public indoor spaces, and outdoors where distancing is not possible
- Wash hands frequently and do not touch your face
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow
- Respect public health and any additional safety measures businesses have put in place
- If you have symptoms contact your local Assessment Centre (AC) to schedule an appointment for testing

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

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