## **Media Release**



## Third confirmed death from COVID-19 in Timiskaming October 15, 2021 - For immediate release

The Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) is confirming the third COVID-19 death in our catchment area. The individual, a woman in her 70s, passed away from complications of her COVID-19 infection. Out of respect for the family of the deceased, no further details will be provided.

"This is a tragic reminder of how deadly COVID-19 can be, and we mourn the member of our community who has passed," said Dr. Glenn Corneil, Acting Medical Officer of Health and CEO for the Timiskaming Health Unit. "On behalf of THU, I would like to extend my condolences to her family and friends."

THU will continue to work with health care providers, hospitals, long-term care, and the public to minimize the impact of COVID-19 in our communities.

Residents are reminded to follow public health measures:

- Stay home if you have symptoms and contact your local Assessment Centre for testing.
- Get the COVID-19 vaccine if you are eligible.
- Show proof of vaccination where required.
- Continue to practice physical distancing.
- Wear a mask, as required by law in all indoor public spaces and indoor workplaces.
- Wash your hands with warm water or use an alcohol-based sanitizer.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or into a tissue.
- Follow gathering limits.
- During travel, follow public health guidelines. Avoid travel to high-risk areas unless for essential reasons.
- Respect any additional safety measures businesses have put in place.
- Reach out to vulnerable people in your community who may need support.

For more information on COVID-19, please go to our <u>COVID-19 webpage</u> or visit the <u>Ontario website</u>.

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