

HEALTHCARE PROVIDER ALERT

March 20, 2020



LOCAL PERTUSSIS OUTBREAK DECLARED OVER

To: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses
Hospital Infection Control Departments
Hospital Emergency Departments

Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) has officially ended the pertussis (whooping cough) outbreak that was declared on November 8, 2019, in the district of Timiskaming. The last case symptom onset was January 24, 2020 and as per ministry guidelines, the outbreak can be declared over 48 days post symptom onset of last case.

During the outbreak, there were 41 confirmed cases and four probable cases of pertussis. Of those, 36 were in Temiskaming Shores, 2 in Englehart area and 3 in Kirkland Lake area. There were no hospitalizations or deaths.

Immunization status of cases reflected 5% of all cases were completely unimmunized, 39% were partially immunized, and 49% were fully immunized.

Age of cases ranged from 3 to 55 years-old, with 49% being between the ages of 7 and 13.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local Timiskaming Health Unit:

Monday to Friday

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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