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ONTARIO REGIONAL CHIEF

Good afternoon,

Please find attached your Wednesday pandemic update.

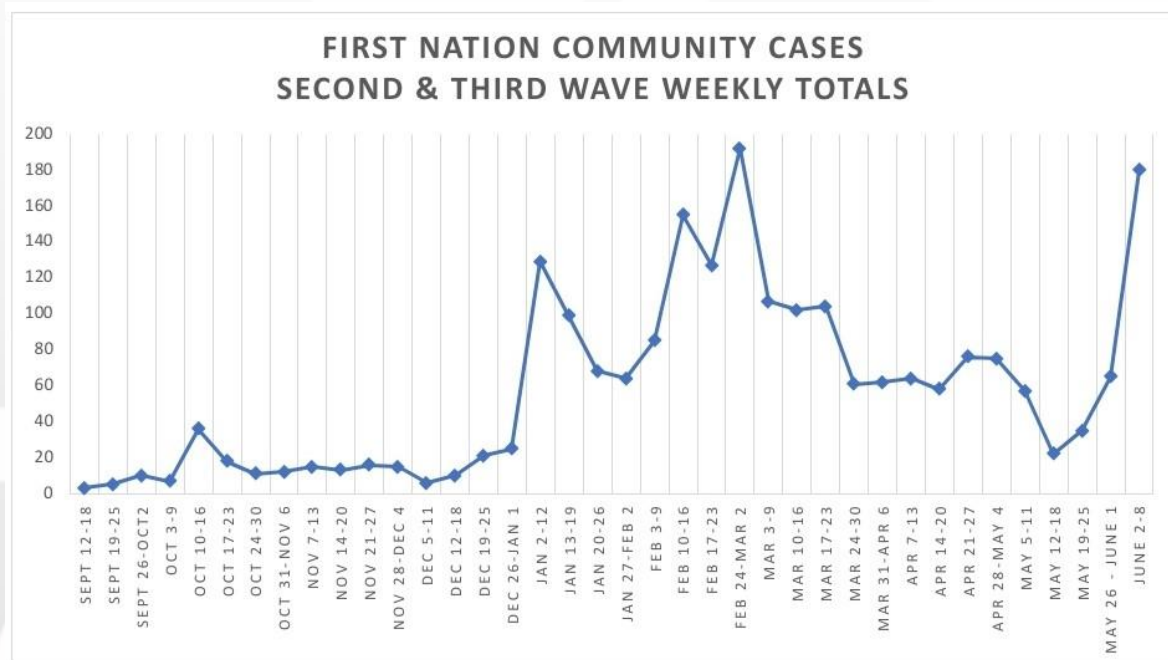
WEDNESDAY PANDEMIC UPDATE:

June 9, 2021: Day 455
COVID-19 Pandemic Update

SECOND & THIRD WAVE CASES

- To date, there have been a total of 2,349 COVID-19 cases confirmed within First Nations communities since the beginning of the pandemic.
 - There have been 2,283 cases in the second and third wave so far (September 12, 2020 – present).
 - There were 66 cases in the first wave (March 11, 2020 – September 11, 2020).
- 180 new cases were reported in communities this week (June 2nd to June 8th).
 - **This is an increase of 177% compared to last week's total.**

Please note: To keep information as up to date as possible, our reporting dates currently reflect a Wednesday-Tuesday reporting schedule.



VARIANTS OF CONCERN (VOCs) IN FIRST NATION COMMUNITIES

- The third wave of the pandemic is being driven by the rapidly spreading and more contagious mutations, known as Variants of Concern (VOCs).
 - 121 VOCs have been confirmed in 10 First Nation communities to date.

- On May 31st the COVID-19 Variants of Concern (VOCs) were renamed by the World Health Organization (WHO). These VOCs were previously known by their countries of origin and a set of numbers. They will now be known by letters of the Greek alphabet. They are renamed as the following:
 - U.K. B.1.1.7 – now referred to **Alpha**
 - South Africa B.1.351 – now referred to as **Beta**
 - Brazil P.1 – now referred to as **Gamma**
 - India B.1.617 – now referred to as **Delta**
- UNKNOWN VOC NUMBERS IN FIRST NATION COMMUNITIES:** The current outbreaks in some Northern communities have screened positive for VOCs, mainly the Alpha & Gamma variants. Exact numbers have not been released for most cases, and those that were confirmed were added to this week's VOC Chart.
- As the VOCs are highly transmissible, public health measures must be strictly followed in order to prevent any outbreaks in First Nation communities.**

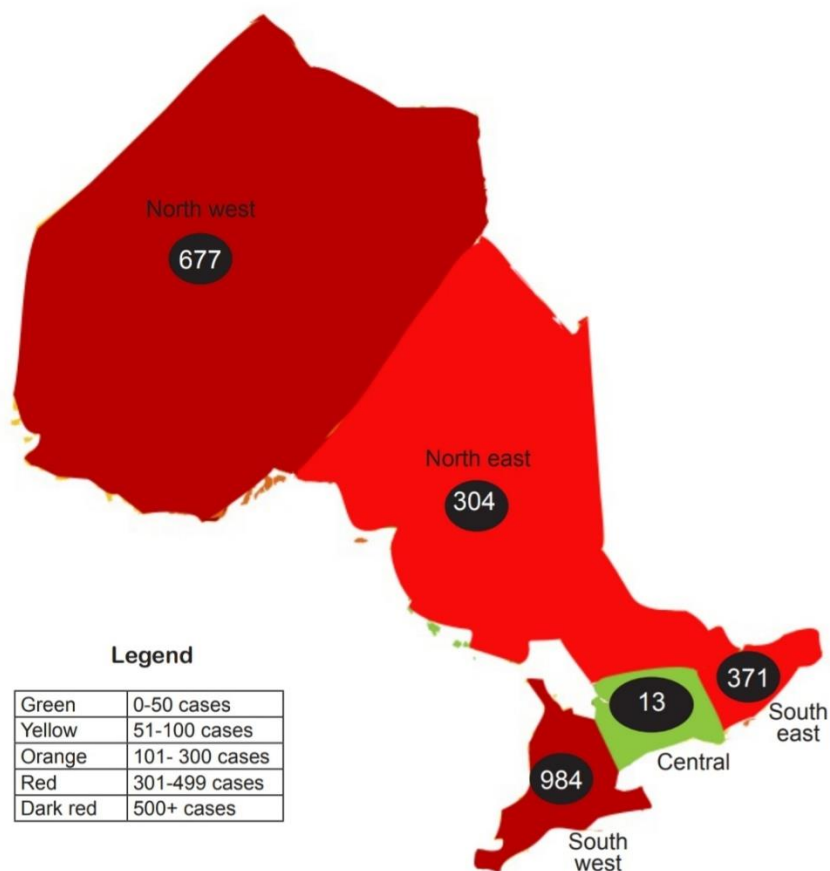
Variants of Concern (VOCs) in First Nation Communities		
Week of: June 2 - 8		
Community	Confirmed this week	Total to Date
Six Nations	0	73
Long Lake 58	25	25
Nipissing	0	7
Serpent River	0	4
Akwesasne	0	3
Grassy Narrows	0	3
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte	0	2
Wauzhushk Onigum	0	2
Moose Factory	0	1
Wunnumin Lake	0	1
Totals	25	121

CONFIRMED CASES BY COMMUNITY

- 70 out of 133 First Nation communities have had at least one case since the beginning of the pandemic.
- The South West region has experienced the most cases of COVID-19.
- The North East region is currently experiencing a major outbreak.
 - There are currently 136 active cases in this region.
- The current total resolve rate is 90%.
- Currently, there are **207 active** COVID-19 cases within First Nations communities.
 - This is a 128% increase from last week's total.
 - 10 communities are reporting active cases:
 - Attawapiskat
 - Lac Seul

- Constance Lake
- Fort Albany
- Kashechewan
- Kettle & Stony Point
- Long Lake 58
- Mishkeegogamang
- Moose Factory
- Walpole Island

TOTAL CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES BY REGION



CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION & COMMUNITY: March 11, 2020 – June 8, 2021

Community	Confirmed Cases	Resolved	Deaths	Active Cases
North West Region				
Long Lake No. 58	84	24		60
Lac Seul	49	48		1
Mishkeegogamang	2	1		1
Wabaseemoong	202	202		0
Grassy Narrows	57	57		0
Fort William	41	41		0
Sachigo Lake	32	32		0
Wauzhushk Onigum	29	29		0
Kasabonika Lake	18	18		0
Fort Severn	14	14		0

Iskatewizaagegan No. 39	12	12		0
Keewaywin	12	12		0
Ginoogaming	11	11		0
Kiashke Zaagiing	11	11		0
Nibinamik	10	9	1	0
Sandy Lake	9	8	1	0
Eabametoong	8	8		0
North Caribou Lake	7	7		0
Shoal Lake 40	7	7		0
Wunnumin Lake	7	7		0
Cat Lake	6	6		0
Pikangikum	6	6		0
Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug	5	5		0
Whitesand	5	5		0
Deer Lake	4	4		0
Webequie	4	4		0
Niisaachewan	3	3		0
Rainy River	3	3		0
Wapekeka	3	3		0
Bearskin Lake	3	1	2	0
Kingfisher Lake	2	2		0
Neskantaga	2	2		0
Northwest Angle #33	2	2		0
Washagamis Bay	2	2		0
Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan	1	1		0
Aroland	1	1		0
North Spirit Lake	1	1		0
Poplar Hill	1	1		0
Red Rock	1	1		0
Total for North West Region	677	611	4	62
Total Communities in North West with cases: 39				
North East Region				
Kashechewan	67	2		65
Fort Albany	77	24		53
Attawapiskat	39	28		11
Moose Factory	35	30		5
Constance Lake	34	32		2
Serpent River	5	5		0
Henvey Inlet	21	21		0
Magnetawan	9	9		0
Nipissing	7	7		0
Atikameksheng	4	4		0
Wiikwemkoong	3	3		0
Ojibways of Garden River	2	2		0
Shawanaga	1	1		0
Total for North East Region	304	168	0	136
Total Communities in North East with cases: 13				
South West Region				
Kettle & Stoney Point	90	84		6
Walpole Island	158	152	3	3
Six Nations	526	515	11	0
Oneida Nation of the Thames	112	111	1	0
Aamjiwnaang	30	30		0

Mississaugas of Credit	30	29	1	0
Chippewas of the Thames	16	16		0
Delaware Nation at Moraviantown	16	16		0
Chippewas of Saugeen	4	4		0
Chippewas of Nawash	2	2		0
Total for South West Region	984	959	16	9
Total Communities in South West with cases: 10				
South East Region				
Akwesasne	360	353	7	0
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte	11	10	1	0
Total for South East Region	371	363	8	0
Total Communities in South East with cases: 2				
Central Region				
Chippewas of Rama	5	5		0
Beausoleil	3	3		0
Wahta	3	3		0
Alderville	2	2		0
Curve Lake First Nation	<15*	<15*		0
Hiawatha	<5*	<5*		0
Total for Central Region	13	13	0	0
Total Communities in Central with cases: 6				
TOTALS	2,349	2,114	28	207
Total Communities with cases: 70 out of 133				
LEGEND: <5, <15 - Specific case numbers not released * - Cases not included in Totals				

Please Note: The data collected in this chart is self-reported from individual Ontario First Nations communities. The communities are informed by their local Public Health Units through the Ontario Health System. Where possible, the Regional Chief or the Initiatives team will follow up with Chiefs in community to confirm case numbers. This information also comes from a different source than the COO Health Sector and should not be confused with the information the Health Sector provides.

Please remember to continue following all public health measures, even after receiving your COVID-19 vaccine. If only one dose (Pfizer or Moderna) has been received so far, please follow up and receive the second dose when scheduled.

I hope everyone is staying safe and if you have any COVID-19 related questions related to this chart, please feel free to reach out to me at: knowledgetranslator@coo.org

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