



MEDIA STATEMENT

COMMUNITY COVID-19 OUTBREAK DECLARED OVER

October 21st, 2021 – Hastings Prince Edward Public Health has officially ended the COVID-19 outbreak on the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory. The outbreak was declared on October 8th, 2021 after six (6) positive cases of the virus were identified in the community.

MBQ's Community Wellbeing Team immediately got to work after the first case was identified, and thanks to the support and co-operation of the community, the origin of the case was tracked down and mandatory testing and isolation requirements were quickly completed. During the span of the outbreak, there were only a total of six (6) cases, but over 300 tests were completed at the Community Wellbeing Centre.

Although the community is no longer in outbreak status, members are still being reminded to:

- Continue to limit your close contacts, even when you feel well. If you feel unwell – stay home, self-isolate and get swabbed for COVID-19.
- Keep track of your close contacts in case contact tracing is required.
- Gather outdoors whenever possible.
- When gathering indoors, maintain physical distance and wear a face covering unless all individuals from other households are fully vaccinated.
- Avoid sharing food, drinks, utensils, cigarettes, or any other objects that touch your face/mouth.
- Wash your hands frequently and well.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.

MBQ's health team says health measures that were in place before the outbreak were also crucial in limiting community spread of COVID-19. These measures include daily COVID-19 screenings, mandatory face masks at Quinte Mohawk School and in all MBQ buildings, physical distancing, proper hand hygiene and plexiglass in classrooms.

Everyone is encouraged to get their COVID-19 vaccine if you haven't done so already. Vaccinations are still available through the Community Wellbeing Centre by appointment only. To view clinic dates and book an appointment, visit mbq-tmt.org/health/covid-19-vaccines/. COVID-19 testing is also available through the CWC by appointment only. To book that appointment, call 613-967-3603.

Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte would like to thank members for their co-operation and diligence during this outbreak, which helped limit the spread of COVID-19, and ultimately, kept our community safe.