



## COMMUNITY NOTICE

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### **IAKHIHSOHTHA LODGE NOTIFIED OF POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE**

The MCA's Department of Health (DOH) has received confirmation from the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) that a staff member of the Iakhihsohta Lodge has tested positive for COVID-19. The COVID-19 test result was detected by Iakhihsohta Lodge's regular weekly nasal swab surveillance testing. The staff member is currently home in isolation. All staff, residents, and residents' families have been notified.

With community spread continuing to be a concern, this regular testing protocol helps us detect new positive cases, or any one that is asymptomatic, early, which will assist in limiting the potential risk of exposure to our residents. Iakhihsohta residents & staff have also received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, which will greatly assist in the prevention of spread to residents and staff. The second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine for long-term care staff and residents was distributed on Saturday, February 13, 2021.

Our team continues to ensure enhanced infection prevention and control measures remain in place, such as symptom screening our residents and staff team members, a minimum of twice daily, terminal cleaning of high-touch surfaces, ensuring that our staff are wearing masks and personal protective equipment (PPE) along with revisiting our infection prevention and control protocols to ensure they are being strictly adhered to.

MCA extends its sincere wishes and a speedy recovery to all those infected with COVID-19, as well as appreciation to those isolating and quarantining to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 at our long term care. We thank our frontline healthcare staff for their care and dedication to our most precious resources: our Totas.