



COMMUNITY NOTICE

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DOH ANNOUNCES COVID-19 VARIANT TYPE IN COMMUNITY

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health (DOH) has been notified of the COVID-19 Variant of Concern (VOC) type within the Jurisdiction of MCA, that being B.1.351 (501Y.V2) (originally identified in South Africa).

There is no evidence that the South African VOC causes more serious illness or symptoms for those who are infected with this strain. As with the main version of COVID-19, elders and community members with underlying health conditions remain at the highest risk. However, the concern, as research has shown, is transmission and infection are much more rapid, which can cause COVID-19 VOCs to spread rapidly.

DOH is reminding community members to remain diligent in following public health measures: wearing a mask when in public, social distancing at least 6 feet when outside your own household, washing/sanitizing hands frequently, and staying to your own household bubble.

DOH is encouraging the community to pre-register for the COVID-19 community vaccine clinic in preparation for when the clinics take place. To pre-register for the COVID-19 vaccine clinic, call 613-575-2341 ext. 3219 or 3247.