



COMMUNITY NOTICE

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DOH PROVIDES INFORMATION ON COVID-19 DELTA VARIANT

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health is providing the community with information on the COVID-19 "Delta Variant." With cases of the Delta variant growing across Canada, it is expected that the Delta variant will soon become the dominant strain of COVID-19 infections.

The Delta variant (B.1.617.2), first identified in India, is 50% more transmissible than the original strain of COVID-19, and highly infectious. Currently, there are more than 4,100 cases of the Delta variant across Canada, with Ontario accounting for 42% of the cases in the country.

Efforts are being made by Health Canada to prevent the spread of the more infectious strain, as well as the prevention of a fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. As Ontario opens up more, opportunity for the spread of the Delta variant increases. Both the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines have proven to be effective in preventing hospitalizations due to the Delta variant. While the number of vaccinated people across Ontario continues to rise, the possibility of a spread in the Delta variant is still possible, especially in those who remain unvaccinated.

While vaccine clinics continue to be available, the community is encouraged to continue to follow public health mandates to reduce the likelihood of COVID-19 transmission, such as wearing mask in public, washing and sanitizing hands, and maintaining a social distance of 6-feet.

If you'd like more information on COVID-19 vaccine clinics, or to register to receive a vaccine, please contact the Community Health Program at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220.