



Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority Inc.



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT:

COVID-19 Outbreak Declaration for Birch Narrows Dene Nation and Potential Exposure at Mass Gathering Event

Saturday, November 14, 2020 18:00HRS

Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority (NITHA) public health officials have declared an outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) linked to a mass gathering in Birch Narrows Dene Nation following an increasing number of confirmed cases. Contact tracing investigation is underway.

Public health officials are notifying the public that individuals who tested COVID-19 positive attended a Halloween party at a private residence in Birch Narrows on October 31, 2020 when the individuals were likely infectious.

Anyone who may have attended this event should immediately self-isolate and to call HealthLine 811 or their community health clinic to arrange for assessment and testing.

It is important to note that individuals may develop symptoms from two to 14 days following exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19. Symptoms of COVID-19 can vary from person to person. Symptoms may also vary in different age groups. Some of the more commonly reported symptoms include:

- new or worsening cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- temperature equal to or over 38°C
- feeling feverish
- chills
- fatigue or weakness
- muscle or body aches
- new loss of smell or taste
- headache
- gastrointestinal symptoms (abdominal pain, diarrhea, vomiting)
- feeling very unwell

For more information on self-monitoring and self-isolation, visit saskatchewan.ca/COVID19

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