



Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority Inc.



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT:

COVID-19 Outbreak Declaration for Black Lake First Nation and Potential Exposure at Mass Gathering Event

Sunday, January 17, 2021, 13:30HRS

Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority (NITHA) public health officials have declared an outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the community of Black Lake following an increasing number of confirmed cases link to mass gatherings and travel outside the community. Contact tracing investigation is underway.

Public health officials are notifying the public that individuals who tested COVID-19 positive attended a wake/funeral event in Black Lake on December 31, 2020 and January 1-2, 2021 when the individuals were likely infectious.

Anyone who may have attended this event on the dates indicated above should immediately self-isolate if they have had or currently have symptoms of COVID-19 and to call HealthLine 811 or their community health clinic to arrange for assessment and testing. All other individuals who are not experiencing symptoms should self-monitor for 14 days from the date of last exposure.

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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