

## COVID 19 Information Update

We understand that many people have concerns based on the recent COVID-19 death announced at the North Shore Health Network around possible exposure within the Blind River community. To help ease community fears and anxiety we would like to share the following information that we received from **Algoma Public Health**.

Anyone who was in contact with a positive case would have been notified by Algoma Public Health directly. If for some reason they are unable to reach people **or** if there was a broader concern regarding exposure, "A&W," a public announcement would have been made advising the public of location and time that they would have been at risk and encourage them to contact Public Health and seek testing. **There is zero risk to the staff and the community** from a premise and risk standpoint.

It has been confirmed by Algoma Public Health that the A&W Restaurant closed on their own to conduct internal cleaning of all equipment and this was not a requirement of Algoma Public Health. The premise already had in place a very stringent cleaning and disinfection processes in place. For the understand of Algoma Public Health no staff were screened for any type of exposure.

With this being said, it is important to remember that the virus is in our area and it is important to continue to follow all Public Health Safety Measures; only leave home for essential reason, washing/sanitizing hands, physically distancing and wearing a mask.

If you have any further concerns please feel free to contact APH website or phone line as well. 705-942-4646