

Renfrew County and District Health Unit

"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

For Immediate Release

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One Individual Tests Positive For COVID-19 Leading to Potential New Cases

Today, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is confirming that one individual has received a positive laboratory-confirmed case of novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) in Pembroke and Area. On further investigation, there appears to be spread amongst the members within a single-family household. RCDHU is currently conducting extensive family by family contact tracing within the community to evaluate the spread of COVID-19.

"This is a tightly knit community of over 30 families. We are taking all precautions to limit spread within the community and to prevent spread throughout Renfrew County and District," states Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health, RCDHU.

RCDHU has directed all families and persons impacted within the community to self-isolate until individual family status, exposure, and risks have been assessed by the contact tracing team at RCDHU.

"We would like to thank the community and their leaders for their full cooperation on this important contact tracing investigation. We are confident that we will have an extensive assessment of the situation today. This will be followed by testing and further investigation over the weekend." continues Dr. Cushman.

RCDHU is reminding residents to complete the <u>COVID-19 self-assessment tool</u> or <u>COVID-19 school and child care self-assessment tool</u> **daily** if you go to work, school or daycare, to monitor for symptoms and proper guidance.

For more information, visit RCDHU's website at https://www.rcdhu.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-2/ or call 613-732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097.

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