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COVID-19 UPDATE

May 6, 2020

Due to COVID-19 the Band Office is closed effective May 6, 2020 to the public as an extra precaution. Band members can phone or email council or staff.

We will be running the water taxi on its schedule until the car ferry is fixed and running again. We are going to utilize this time to also get the repairs and some of the annual maintenance done. We anticipate that this could take 3-4 weeks however that timeframe is not set in stone. We will reassess as the repairs are being completed and notify the membership accordingly. The water taxi is for Band Members, their spouses and essential staff only. The water taxi schedule is below and will operate in absence of the car ferry.

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Chief and Council

Water Taxi Schedule

Island	Virginia
7:00am	7:30am
9:00am	9:30am
11:00am	11:30am
1:00pm	1:30pm
3:00pm	3:30pm
5:00pm	5:30pm
7:00pm	7:30pm

Mike McCue Schedule

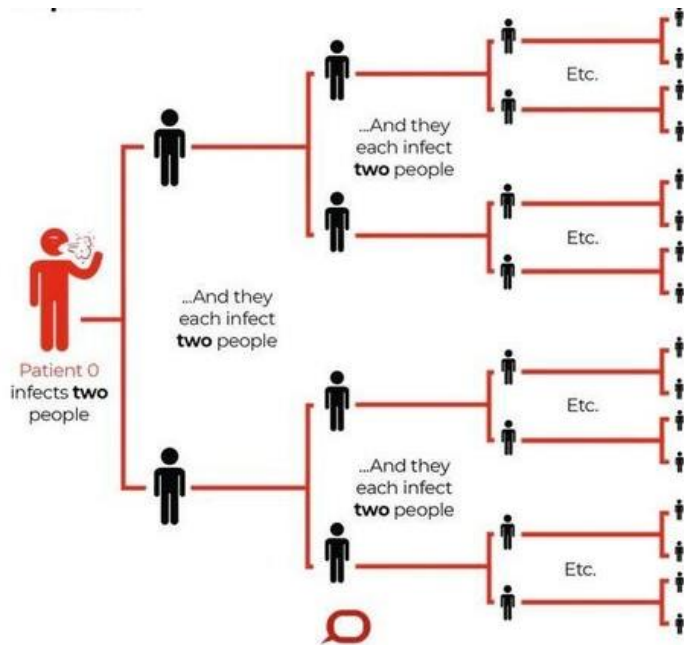
Island	Virginia
8:00am	8:30am
10:00am	10:30am
12:00pm	12:30pm
2:00pm	2:30pm
4:00pm	4:30pm
6:00pm	6:30pm

*There will be no taxi on Saturday and Sunday

*The water Taxi captain has the discretion to take as many people at a time as they choose but can not exceed 4 passengers at a time.

COVID-19 Update

As of May 6, 2020 Georgina, now has 68 confirmed cases of Covid-19. Riverglen Haven nursing home in Sutton has unfortunately experienced a breakout that will likely lead to an increase in confirmed cases in Georgina. Southlake Regional Health Centre has also declared an outbreak of Covid-19 after patients and a staff member have tested positive for Covid-19. Uxbridge Cottage Hospital has also declared an outbreak after 5 patients have tested positive for Covid-19. Doug Ford announced steps to re-open Ontario's economy but the increase in number of cases in Georgina proves that we are not ready to re-open. Stay safe and stay home so we can flatten the curve. The graphic below explains how vast the spread of the virus can be from just one person. Please take caution and wash your hand thoroughly, wear masks and limit your exposure by practicing physical distancing. Take extra precaution when riding the water taxi and protect the driver by wearing a mask and maintaining as much physical distancing as possible.



COVID-19 SYMPTOMS:

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.

Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Or at least two of these symptoms:

- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

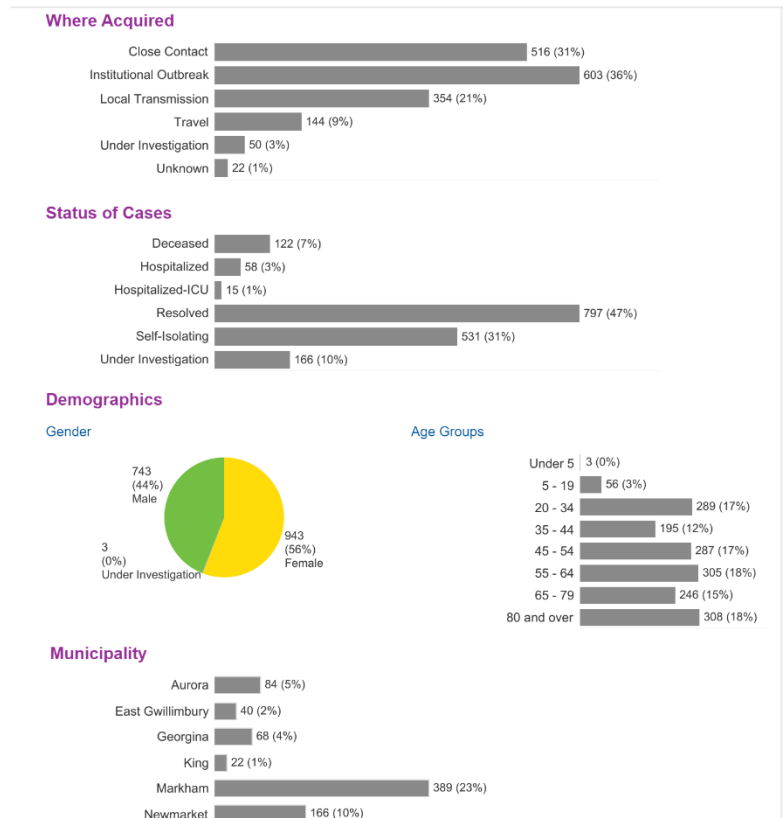
This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

If you are experiencing symptoms and believe you may have COVID-19 please

- Call your healthcare provider, York Region Public Health at 1-800-361-5653, or Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000
- Seek assessment at a COVID-19 Assessment Centre:
 - [Markham-Stouffville Hospital](#)
 - [Mackenzie Health](#)
 - [Southlake Regional Health Centre](#)

Please find a chart that reflects the current number of cases by municipality, age, gender, status and how these confirmed cases were acquired.

STAY HOME, STAY SAFE



Looking Forward

Vaccination: Researchers are hard at work developing and testing vaccines for COVID-19 but we could still be looking at 12-18 months to have a vaccine ready. Oxford University is currently moving forward with a clinical trial that will involve almost 6000 people but the trial will not be over until the fall. There is a light at the end of the tunnel but we will not be safe until a vaccine can be developed, tested and distributed.

Warmer Weather: Preliminary research has suggested that warmer weather may help slow the spread of COVID-19 but medical experts are warning that pandemics behave much differently than seasonal outbreaks such as influenza. While some peer reviewed studies has shown that warmer weather may have a role in the effectiveness of the virus, it will not stop the spread of the virus all together. We will continue to have to physical distance and be lessening the distancing we may experience a second wave of the virus.

The New Normal: Dr Karim Kurji, York Region’s Medical Officer of Health is reporting that “There is actually a bit of a flattening of the curve ... which is really good news.” But that there is a backlog of almost 9000 tests.

Dr Kurji states that with physical distancing and increased testing that we should see a decrease in the number of cases but said “I expect sporadic cases and clusters to arise. This will actually be our ‘new normal.’ Staying home and not visiting with people outside of your own home is the best way to protect yourself and your family. Ensure that you are adhering to 6 feet of physical distancing when out and wash your hands whenever possible. The chart below references the number of cumulative confirmed cases, number of days since the 100th case and how York Region compares with other parts of the world.

