



Renfrew County and District Health Unit
"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

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RCDHU Confirms COVID-19 Outbreak in the Township of Madawaska Valley

Today, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is confirming a COVID-19 outbreak in the Township of Madawaska Valley. Over the past 2 weeks (since September 29, 2021), 12 individuals that reside in the Township of Madawaska Valley have tested positive for novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). Multiple high-risk contacts have also been identified.

Ongoing case and contact management has identified The Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish as a significant site for possible COVID-19 exposures. In particular, RCHDU has identified September 26, 2021 as a likely date of exposure.

12 cases, in a small community, is a significant number and RCDHU is encouraging people to assess their potential risks of exposure based on their contacts within the community and their own vaccination status. We are encouraging any individuals who feel they may have been exposed to seek testing and self-isolate and self-report if they develop symptoms of COVID-19.

RCDHU is asking this of community members due to information received during case and contact management of high-risk contacts. There is concern that some individuals may still be infected with COVID-19, and we are trying to prevent further spread.

For more information on what you should do if you have been notified that you are a high-risk contact based on vaccination status, visit [RCDHU's Management of High-Risk Contacts and Their Household Members](#).

To book a COVID-19 test with Renfrew County Virtual Triage Assessment Centre (VTAC) visit <https://rcvtac.ca/>. If you cannot book online call VTAC at 1-844-727-6404.

RCDHU is reminding residents to complete the [COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#) or [COVID-19 school and child care self-assessment tool](#) **daily** before going 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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