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Outbreak ends at Young-Davidson Mine in Matachewan December 3, 2021 - For immediate release

On December 3, 2021, Dr. Glenn Corneil, Acting Medical Officer of Health and CEO for the Timiskaming Health Unit, declared the end of the outbreak of COVID-19 at Young-Davidson Mine in Matachewan.

A workplace outbreak is declared if there are two or more laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases with an epidemiological link in the workplace within a 14-day period where both cases could have reasonably acquired their infection in the workplace.

The Timiskaming Health Unit worked with representatives from Young-Davidson Mine to ensure thorough completion of contact tracing. The mine took all necessary precautions to reduce the risk of infection and prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

"COVID-19 cases currently remain high in Timiskaming. We encourage everyone to continue to be vigilant and help stop the spread," said Dr. Corneil. "We are pleased that public health measures and mine policies and procedures were successful in controlling the outbreak and preventing additional spread at the mine."

Residents are reminded to follow public health measures:

- Stay home if you have symptoms and contact your local Assessment Centre for testing.
- Get the COVID-19 vaccine if you are eligible.
- Show proof of vaccination where required.
- Continue to practice physical distancing.
- Wear a mask, as required by law in all indoor public spaces and indoor workplaces.
- Wash your hands with warm water or use an alcohol-based sanitizer.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or into a tissue.
- Follow gathering limits.
- During travel, follow public health guidelines. Avoid travel to high-risk areas unless for essential reasons.
- Respect any additional safety measures businesses have put in place.
- Reach out to vulnerable people in your community who may need support.

For more information on COVID-19, visit <u>Timiskaming Health Unit's website</u> and the <u>Ontario</u> <u>Coronavirus website</u>.

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