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# Media Release



## **Outbreak ends at Kirkland Lake Gold May 12, 2021 - For immediate release**

On May 12, 2021, Dr. Glenn Corneil, Acting Medical Officer of Health for the Timiskaming Health Unit, declared the end of the outbreak of COVID-19 at Kirkland Lake Gold.

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 Kirkland Lake Gold 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.

“Public health measures are key to stopping the spread of COVID-19,” said Dr. Corneil. “These measures were in place and were followed, which made it possible to control the outbreak.”

Ontario is currently under a provincewide shutdown and stay-at-home order. District residents are reminded to follow public health measures:

- Avoid gatherings indoors and outdoors with people outside of your household. They are prohibited under shutdown. Individuals who live alone and single parents may have exclusive close contact with one household.
- Avoid non-essential travel within and outside of our district, especially to high transmission areas.
- Continue to practice physical distancing.
- Wear a mask or face covering in public indoor spaces and when physical distancing may be a challenge.
- Wash your hands with soap and warm water or use alcohol-based sanitizers and do not touch your face.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Stay home if you feel sick and contact your local Assessment Centre to schedule a test.
- Respect public health and 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 [Timiskaming Health Unit's website](#) and the [Ontario Coronavirus website](#).

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