



## February 25, 2021

### Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) COVID-19 Update

<b>Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU)</b>	Total Number: 1497 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Active:</b> 315 (33 new cases announced Feb. 25)</li> <li>• Recovered: 1153</li> <li>• Deaths: 29</li> <li>• Hospitalized: 16 (5 in ICU)</li> </ul>
<b>Porcupine Health Unit</b>	Total Number: 330 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Active:</b> 22 (1 new case announced Feb. 24 in the area of Hearst, Hornepayne)</li> <li>• Recovered: 283</li> <li>• Deaths: 25</li> </ul>
<b>Northwestern Health Unit</b>	Total Number: 452 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Active:</b> 84 (9 new cases announced Feb. 24 in the Kenora region)</li> <li>• Recovered: 367</li> <li>• Deaths: 1</li> </ul>
<b>Public Health Sudbury &amp; Districts</b>	Total Number: 600 cases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Active:</b> 28 (6 new cases reported Feb 24)</li> <li>• Recovered: 560</li> <li>• Deaths: 12</li> </ul>
<b>Timiskaming Health Unit</b>	Total Number: 92 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Active:</b> 0 Active (last case announced Feb 9)</li> <li>• Recovered: 91</li> <li>• Deaths: 1</li> </ul>

### NAN Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler – Update

- NAN thanks IAO Deputy Minister Shawn Batise and Dr. Homer Tien for their ongoing support and leadership in Phase 1 of the Vaccine Roll-Out.
- We acknowledge Chief Chris Moonias, Neskantaga, as the end of his term approaches and wish him the very best. We thank Chief Moonias for his leadership, strong advocacy, and tireless efforts to address very challenging issues, including one of the longest boil water advisories and an evacuation during the pandemic. We keep Chief Moonias’ family members, who are in the Thunder Bay hospital, in our hearts and pray for their swift recovery.
- We acknowledge Wayne Moonias, who will commence his term as Chief on April 1.

### Thunder Bay State of Emergency

- The City of Thunder Bay has requested COVID-19 assistance from provincial and federal governments. NAN supports the City as they pursue all resources necessary.







- Navigators who provide connection to existing mental health and addictions support services in home communities and the region.
- NAN Hope is **not** just a crisis line. The navigation and referral to ongoing care is an important part of the service and helping those who use the service to move forward with their healing journey. Traditional Knowledge Keepers and Healers are now part of NAN HOPE's roster of counsellors. Clients can also connect to counsellors who speak the 3 language dialects.
- NAN Hope can be accessed through 1-844-NAN-HOPE (1-844-626-4673) and [www.nanhope.ca](http://www.nanhope.ca). If you would like marketing material about NAN Hope for your community or organization, you can request them at <https://nanhope.ca/index.php/marketing-materials-request-form/>.

### **NAPS Update – Deputy Chief Snider**

- NAPS Board meetings are underway today (February 25) to present board reports.
- NAPS is closely monitoring a COVID-19 outbreak at the Ontario Police College. This will most likely have an impact on NAPS' recruitment, given the class size.

### **NAN Legal Update – ED Irene Linklater, DGC Derek Fox**

#### **NAN Special Chiefs Assembly on Justice**

- The NAN Special Chiefs Assembly on Justice took place on February 23-24. A report on these important discussions will be produced and shared with Chiefs and NAN members.

#### **Discharge Planning**

- Work is ongoing to identify information gaps and enable better communication.
- NAN Legal has helped 263 NAN members return to their home communities, with the approval of their communities.
- NAN Legal has funds to assist NAN members with hotel expenses and transportation home.
- SOLGEN is trying to support and coordinate efforts post-release of inmates and continues to work with MAG at planning tables.
- The TBDHU and health teams at institutions are working to coordinate surveillance testing.
- SOLGEN is providing all inmates released with transportation to the isolation shelter to be fully assessed by public health nurses.

### **Urban Communities**

- NAN has posted specific information on the NAN website for members living off-reserve in urban centres across northwestern and northeastern Ontario, including how to find shelters, food banks, social and mental health services, as well as Indigenous organizations that can provide assistance. Please visit [www.nancovid19.ca](http://www.nancovid19.ca).

### **Closing**

**NEXT VACCINE ROLL OUT CALL FOR PHASE 1 COMMUNITIES: Thursday, March 4, 2021**  
| 1p.m. EST | 12p.m. CST

**NEXT REGULAR NAN CHIEFS CALL: Thursday, March 11, 2021** | 1p.m. EST | 12p.m. CST

