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Increased COVID-19 risk in the Sioux Lookout area

The Northwestern Health Unit is seeing an increase in the number of COVID-19 positive test results, including one Variant of Concern (VOC) in the Sioux Lookout Health Hub. As of April 10th, there are 34 active cases in the Sioux Lookout Health Hub which includes 16 active cases in the municipality of Sioux Lookout. The NWHU urges the public to practise prevention measures as case counts increase.

“The case numbers and investigations indicate increased risk of the spread of COVID 19 in the health hub and in the municipality” says Dr Kit Young Hoon, Medical Officer of Health. “With such a large number of cases and the risk of the Variant of Concern, things can change rapidly and Sioux Lookout area residents must follow public health restrictions to prevent broad spread of the virus.”

NWHU recommends that everyone assume COVID-19 is in their community and follow the stay-at-home order, current restrictions and practise preventive measures like physical distancing, wearing a mask in enclosed public spaces and when physical distancing is a challenge, good hand hygiene, and not touching their face. Anyone who has symptoms, or who has been in contact with a positive case, should self-isolate and get tested.

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