



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

## For Immediate Release

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### **RCDHU Declares Community Outbreak in the Town of Deep River**

Today, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is confirming that a Community Outbreak has been declared in the Town of Deep River. There are 15 individuals who have received a positive laboratory-confirmed case of novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) to date, and more cases are anticipated due to the large number of high-risk family contacts within this closely knit group in the Town of Deep River. On further investigation, there appears to be spread amongst the members within this group. RCDHU is currently conducting extensive case and contact tracing within this specific group to evaluate and contain the spread of COVID-19.

"This is a tightly knit group. We are taking all precautions to limit spread within the community and to prevent spread throughout Renfrew County and District," states Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health, RCDHU.

RCDHU has directed all families and persons impacted within this specific group to self-isolate until cleared of COVID-19.

"We would like to thank members from this specific group for their full cooperation during this important contact tracing investigation. We are confident that we will have an extensive assessment of the situation soon. This will be followed by testing and further investigation within the next couple of days," continues Dr. Cushman.

It is imperative that everyone do their part to stay home if they are sick, avoid contact with people who are ill, practice physical distancing (2 metres), wear a mask/face covering when physical distancing cannot be maintained, wash their hands, use the COVID Alert App and complete the COVID Alert App and 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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