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Lac La Ronge Indian Band

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Public Service Announcement Covid-19 Variant (VOC) positive case in LLRIB Community

We have been notified by health officials that we have one positive case of the COVID-19 Variant of Concern (VOC) in our community of La Ronge on-reserve. The positive case and close contacts are self isolating and contact tracing is ongoing.

As of today there are 135 confirmed cases of the new (UK and African) Covid-19 Variant of concern (VOC) in Saskatchewan. There are currently 313 presumptive Covid-19 VOC cases reported in the Far North East (1), Saskatoon (6), Central East (5), Regina (264), South Central (23) and South East (14) zones. (Saskatchewan.ca)

The positive COVID-19 VOC test result has been sent to the National Microbiology Lab (NML) to determine which variant of concern it is. Currently in Canada there are 3 variants of concerns identified the UK, African and Brazilian variants of concern.

These new COVID-19 Variants of Concern have higher transmission rates with more severe symptoms.

As more cases of these variants come into into our communities, we ask that you continue to follow the public health orders including wearing a mask when in public, keeping within your household & outdoor bubble (up to 10 people), wash your hands frequently, and social distance.

Please stay home if you feel unwell even with mild symptoms and if you have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19. Get tested if you experience symptoms or if you have been in contact with a person who has tested positive.

Sincerely,

Chief Tammy Cook-Searson, Council & Emergency Control Group