



## Spread Joy not COVID this Season

Premier Doug Ford announced a province wide shutdown starting December 26, 2020 for 14 days here in the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit area. We are still in the Green COVID category (Prevention) and we should be proud of that, but it is no time to be slack. Let us stay Green.

The shutdown will mean you can still order supplies and restaurants may still be open, but you have to pre-order for curbside pickup. Check with the local businesses to see what arrangements they have made. Local businesses support community organizations and events and now it is our turn to support them. A little from everyone can go a long way in ensuring they remain open when COVID is over; and this will be over.

Elementary schools will resume in-class for January 11, 2021 while high school students will continue remote learning until January 25, 2021. Check your child's school website for more information.

We know this holiday season will be unusual, but we are confident that you can keep your plans flexible and create new COVID safe traditions. Burk's Falls has already shown great community support this season with modifying the Santa Parade, Light Decorating Contest and the Gingerbread House Contest, and the Legion Christmas Dinner to name a few. We are fortunate to have great community champions.

Please continue to follow the COVID safety precautions of wearing a mask, social distancing, only going out for essentials and keeping to your own household for entertainment/visiting. It is difficult to not have comforts during this stressful time and we thank you for doing this to ensure everyone stays healthy and the COVID curve gets flattened.

If you are experiencing any symptoms, sore throat, a new cough, fever, loss of smell/taste then please seek health care. Please stay home and self isolate if you are not feeling well.

Health Unit COVID Call Centre – 1-800-563-2808 (option 5)

TeleHealth Ontario -1-800-866-797-0000

Local Testing Centres can be found at this link <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/assessment-centre-locations> and/or call the Almaguin Mobile Assessment Centre – 702-774-8378.

The Municipal office and Arena will be closed at noon on December 24<sup>th</sup> until January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Our staff will be in the office the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> and will be available through phone and email. Call us at 705-382-3138. The office will be closed to the public until the shutdown is over, which is expected to be January 9, 2021.

Thank you for all your support and working together, we will make 2021 a great year in Burk's Falls.

Merry Christmas

On behalf of Council; Mayor Cathy Still

As of December 22, 2020 in the NBPSD Health Unit  
Completed tests: 66,400  
Confirmed cases: 112                      Active 17