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CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19 IN ATIKOKAN

A message from Mayor Brown:

The Northwestern Health Unit has confirmed that Atikokan has its first positive case of COVID-19. Hopefully it will be our only case.

Now, more than ever, I feel it necessary to strongly encourage our residents to do their part to help stop the spread of COVID-19. We are all in this together and we all must follow the rules to protect each other.

As we all know this virus can be deadly and the time to act is NOW. Everyone but essential workers must stay home as much as possible. All residents should only go out if absolutely necessary to pick up groceries, prescriptions or for a medical appointment. When out of the house, protect yourself and others by maintaining a distance of at least 2 metres or 6 feet from other people. Do not gather in public places.

The Atikokan General Hospital, Atikokan Family Health Team and Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Theresa Tam, are now advising residents to wear homemade cloth masks when out of the house to prevent the spread of the virus.

Ignoring self-isolation or physical distancing advice can have devastating effects and endanger lives. Protect yourself and others. Stay home.

To learn more, please call the Northwestern Health Unit COVID-19 hotline at 1-866-468-2240.

Together we can help slow and hopefully stop the spread in our community as we need to give people certainty in their daily lives.

I would also like to thank the health care workers for keeping us safe as well as all of our essential services throughout the Town.

Please share this message with your friends, your family and your neighbours. Take care of yourselves and each other.