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Two Local COVID-19 Cases Identified After 40 Days Without a New Case

Residents Reminded to Follow Public Health Guidance

Peterborough Public Health reported today that two local cases of COVID-19 have been identified, the first new cases reported since June 20.

Both individuals are in their 20s and currently live in the city of Peterborough. These two cases are linked; the first case was exposed to a positive case outside the area. Both individuals are self-isolating and all close contacts have been identified and are being followed up by Public Health Nurses. Peterborough Public Health has conducted a risk assessment and determined there is no further risk to the public from these cases as long as they continue to self-isolate.

“Confirming more new cases isn’t unexpected and serves as a strong reminder that even when weeks pass without a positive case, we all must remain vigilant in following public health measures, especially as people travel more and the economy reopens,” said Dr. Rosana Salvaterra, Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. Salvaterra urged local residents to continue adhering to public health measures, including physical distancing of 2 metres, frequent hand washing, minimizing travel, staying home when sick, and self-monitoring for symptoms.

A [mandatory face covering directive](#) comes into effect locally on August 1. Peterborough Public Health is introducing this as an added measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19 while the community navigates Stage 3 of the reopening.

For more information about staying safe and getting tested for COVID-19, please visit www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca.

Visit Ontario’s [website](#) to learn more about how the province continues to protect Ontarians from COVID-19.

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