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MESSAGE TO MEMBERS

LTFN MONITORING IMPACTS OF OMICRON VARIANT

Chief and Council and Administration wish to assure LTFN members that our Health Team continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely and specifically impacts caused by the Omicron variant.

As members are aware from news reports, provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry suggests that the Omicron variant now accounts for more than 80% of COVID cases in BC and this, in just over a month since the first case of the highly contagious variant was confirmed in the province.

Dr. Henry suggests that at this point, most people in BC likely have a friend or family member or a colleague who has been infected with the Omicron variant. The explosion of cases has overwhelmed the province's ability to trace 'confirmed' cases and contacts.

Up until recently, Northern BC was the area of BC that was least impacted by the spread of the Omicron variant. This has changed dramatically in the past few days and as a result our Health Team will closely monitor the situation in Prince George and determine any impacts or concerns for our members. At this time, Dr. Henry has no plans to issue further restrictions.

Administration has directed staff who are able to work from home to do so until the situation with the Omicron variant has stabilized.

Members with questions about COVID-19, Omicron variant and health or medical inquiries are asked to contact our Community Nurse Jennifer Coleman at 250.612.8289.

Members with questions about general health are asked to contact Health Manager Tamara Seymour at 250.961.8053.

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