

**Update on Community Pandemic Operations  
Moose Factory**

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**Pandemic Severity Level: Category 1 - 'Mild to Moderate'**

**Surveillance:**

The numbers for student absenteeism and patients treated at the WGH are being monitored and they seem to be in the range that reflects normal school absenteeism and hospital emergency department operations.

To determine the status of the Flu in our community, we are conducting a Community Flu Survey on Wednesday Nov 18. The staff of the local employers i.e. WGH, MCFN, Mushkegowuk Council, MoCreebec, etc., will be surveyed and the results will be posted on Friday Nov 20.

Should our surveillance information indicate an increase in Influenza –like illnesses again, we may need to upgrade our Pandemic status to the appropriate category.

**Community Gatherings & Events:**

In Category 1: Community events and gatherings are permitted under certain conditions or interventions. The interventions include; screening (sign in procedure) and monitoring. We encourage everyone to stay home from the community events if you have flu like symptoms.

Medical experts are talking about a 3<sup>rd</sup> Wave of the H1 N1 Flu to show up during the winter, we are not out of the woods yet.

The improved community flu statistics are a direct result of your safe health prevention habits....keep up the excellent work.  
Thank you and take care.

**We CANNOT AND WILL NOT let our guards down yet.**