



Media Release

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Third case of COVID-19 in Grey Bruce

The Grey Bruce Health Unit has received laboratory confirmation of a third case of COVID-19 in Grey Bruce. The illness was acquired from international travel.

The confirmed case is a 61 year old male and a resident of Grey Bruce. No other identifying information will be provided as per the explanation below. The individual presented, with symptoms, to a local hospital where testing was ordered. Hospital staff took all necessary precautions to ensure the safety of staff and other patients. The individual was hospitalized and subsequently discharged to home self-isolation. The Grey Bruce Health Unit is investigating any potential contacts this person may have had.

Future local cases will be identified on our website to reflect the provincial posting. This media release will also serve as notice we will no longer be issuing routine media releases for every case of COVID-19 that should occur in Grey Bruce. As we continue to see sporadic cases, the contact tracing and self-isolation of these individuals are effective to ensure a little likelihood of risk to the general public. Furthermore, it may violate patient privacy.

Residents who have returned from recent international travel and become ill with respiratory symptoms such as a cough and fever should report their travel history to any health professional, or any emergency room before they visit. Please contact Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 for questions specific to an individual health concern.

We continue to encourage people to connect with trusted sources for information, including canada.ca/coronavirus

Visit Ontario's ontario.ca/coronavirus to learn more about how the province continues to protect Ontarians from COVID-19.

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