



Situation Report #14: COVID-19

Grey Bruce Health Unit | Incident Management System

March 31, 2020

Current Situation:

Testing and case counts reported as of March 31, 2020:

- 1 new case reported in past 24 hours in Grey Bruce; female, in 30's
- 12 cases to date (current cumulative total).
- 2 recovered case
- 0 cases related to COVID-19 reported in Long-Term Care facilities
- 1 cases reported in Health Care Provider working in Grey Bruce
- 10 negative test results received in past 24 hours
- Total negative cases updates lack reliable data input
- 7 - 8 days (estimated average time for results being received from the lab)

Actions Taken In the Past 24 Hours:

- Personal Protection Equipment distribution launching to long-term care and emergency/first responders (Donation from Bruce Power)
- New or updated resources from Communications:
 - Guidelines for Grocery Shopping
 - Considerations for Public When Receiving Mail or Packages
 - Considerations for Postal and Courier Workers
 - Delivering Items to Seniors or Immunocompromised
 - Recommendations for Physical Distancing while Exercising
 - Updated Fact Sheet for Older Adults and People who have Compromised Immune Systems
 - Updated Fact Sheet Where to Get Help for Harm Reduction
- GBHU Infectious Disease (ID) Team continue with case and contact management, reporting, and responding to COVID-19 related calls
- GBHU On-Call Team continue to ensure essential public health activities not related to COVID-19



Situation Report #13: COVID-19

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March 30, 2020

Current Situation:

Testing and case counts reported as of March 30, 2020:

- 1 new cases reported in past 24 hours in Grey Bruce; female, in 30's, evidence of community transmission, hospitalized
- 11 cases to date (current cumulative total). Includes the same previous Presumptive Positive now confirmed
- 1 recovered case
- 0 cases related to COVID-19 reported in Long-Term Care facilities
- 0 cases reported in Health Care Providers
- 35 negative test results received in past 24 hours
- negative test results (unreliable data input)
- 7 - 8 days (estimated average time for results being received from the lab)

Actions Taken In the Past 24 Hours:

- Staging underway for distribution of PPE donation from Bruce Power
- As preparations progress, we are adopting a three month planning approach
- New video supporting the message Stay Home posted on social media and shared with county partners.
- GBHU Infectious Disease (ID) Team continue with case and contact management, reporting, and responding to COVID-19 related calls
- GBHU On-Call Team continue to ensure essential public health activities not related to COVID-19



Situation Report #12: COVID-19

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March 29, 2020

Current Situation:

Testing and case counts reported as of March 29, 2020:

2 new cases reported in past 24 hours in Grey Bruce; male, in 40s, travel history
10 cases to date (current cumulative total). Includes the previous Presumptive
Positive result pending in past 24 hours in Grey Bruce; female, in 70s, **evidence of
community transmission**
1 recovered case
0 cases related to COVID-19 reported in Long-Term Care facilities
0 cases reported in Health Care Providers
12 negative test results received in past 24 hours
305 negative test results to date; clients actively advised of their status
4-5 days (estimated average time for results being received from the lab)

Actions Taken In the Past 24 Hours:

- Distribution plan for PPE to long-term care/retirement homes, emergency services/first responders
- GBHU Infectious Disease (ID) Team continue with case and contact management, reporting, and responding to COVID-19 related calls
- GBHU On-Call Team continue to ensure essential public health activities not related to COVID-19



Situation Report #11: COVID-19

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March 28, 2020

Current Situation:

Testing and case counts reported as of March 28, 2020:

- 1 new cases (Presumptive Positive) reported in past 24 hours in Grey Bruce
- 8 cases (7 confirmed cases, and 1 Presumptive Positive case) to date (current cumulative total)
- 1 recovered case
- 0 cases related to COVID-19 reported in Long-Term Care facilities
- 0 cases reported in Health Care Providers
- 25 negative test results received in past 24 hours
- 239 negative test results to date; clients actively advised of their status
- 4-5 days (estimated average time for results being received from the lab)

Actions Taken In the Past 24 Hours:

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) shipment donation received from Bruce Power to support the need in Long Term Care facilities, EMS, Fire and Police services (Our thanks to Bruce Power for this donation, and for their efforts on several other fronts to support public health response to COVID19 to protect the health of the communities in Grey and Bruce).
- Communications initiatives launched include:
 - mass mail out;
 - guidelines for receipt of postal/courier delivery;
 - childcare recommendations;
 - resources for municipalities re: playgrounds; and,
 - community messaging videos
- Needle Exchange Program (NEP) return receptacle re-located to enhance physical and social distancing to reduce risk of transmission
- GBHU Infectious Disease (ID) Team continue with case and contact management, reporting, and responding to COVID-19 related calls
- GBHU On-Call Team continue to ensure essential public health activities not related to COVID-19



Situation Report #10: COVID-19

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March 27, 2020

Current Situation:

Testing and case counts reported as of March 27, 2020:

- 1 new confirmed cases reported in past 24 hours in Grey Bruce; female, in 20s, travel-related, self-isolating
- 7 confirmed cases to date (current cumulative total)
- 1 recovered cases
- 0 cases related to COVID-19 reported in Long-Term Care facilities
- 0 cases reported in Health Care Providers
- 23 negative test results received in past 24 hours
- 214 negative test results to date, clients actively advised of their status
- 4-5 days (estimated average time for results being received from the lab)

Actions Taken In the Past 24 Hours:

- Social media, print, radio and multi-media under three headings addressing prevention, containment and physical distancing; shared with county partner
- Guideline resource for Women's Shelters developed
- Guideline resource developed for Tradespeople/Services Entering Private Residences
- GBHU Infectious Disease (ID) Team continues to respond to COVID19 related calls
- GBHU On-Call Team continues to respond to essential public health activities not related to COVID-19



Situation Report #9: COVID-19

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March 26, 2020

Current Situation:

Testing and case counts reported as of March 26, 2020:

- 1 new confirmed cases reported today in Grey Bruce; female, in 60s, travel outside of province, self-isolating
- 6 confirmed cases to date (current cumulative total)
- 1 recovered cases
- 0 cases related to COVID-19 reported in Long-Term Care facilities
- 0 cases reported in Health Care Providers
- 24 negative test results received in past 24 hours
- 191 negative test results to date, clients actively advised of their status
- 4-5 days (estimated average time for results being received from the lab)

Actions Taken In the Past 24 Hours:

- Continues to work closely with Long-Term Care and Retirement Home facilities to ensure updated plans and protocols in place
- Messaging to municipalities re: supporting and enforcing self-isolation for international travellers in condominiums/multi-unit dwellings; limit non-essential travel
- Direction provided to police services re Enforcement of Orders for self-isolation
- Continue to receive community/business offers of donating PPE
- Media Release Grey Bruce Medical Officer of Health orders international travelers to self-isolate, and strongly recommends against non-essential travel to and from Grey and Bruce Counties
- Media Release Give Animals Social Distance increased pressure on public health and healthcare resources from the rise in human/animal interaction as animals come out of hibernation while more people are staying home due to COVID-19
- GBHU Infectious Disease (ID) Team continues to respond to COVID19 related calls
- GBHU On-Call Team continues to respond to essential public health activities not related to COVID-19



Situation Report #8: COVID-19

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March 25, 2020

Current Situation:

Testing and case counts as of March 25, 2020:

- 1 new confirmed case in Grey Bruce in past 24 hours, male, in their 50s, travel related
- 5 confirmed cases to date (current cumulative total)
- 14 negative test results received in past 24 hours
- 167 negative test results to date, clients actively apprised of their status.

Actions Taken In the Past 24 Hours:

- Thanks to Bruce Power for re-directing their supplies of PPE for distribution to local health care, EMS, etc.
- New resource developed and being distributed *Considerations for Essential Visits* with respect to vulnerable populations and older adults
- Messaging to municipalities re: supporting and enforcing self isolation for international travellers in condominiums/multi-unit dwellings; use of secondary and summer residences
- In consultation re: plan for healthcare workers requiring childcare
- Updated communication to Anabaptists communities re: funerals
- GBHU Infectious Disease (ID) Team continues to respond to COVID19 related calls
- GBHU On-Call Team continues to respond to essential public health activities not related to COVID-19



Situation Report #7: COVID-19

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March 24, 2020

Current Situation:

Testing and case counts as of March 24, 2020:

- 0 new confirmed cases reported today in Grey Bruce
- 4 confirmed cases to date (current cumulative total)
- 38 negative test results received in past 24 hours
- 153 negative test results to date, clients actively apprised of their status.

Actions Taken In the Past 24 Hours:

- Messaging to municipalities re: supporting self isolation for international travellers in condominiums/multi-unit dwellings
- Plan in development for healthcare workers requiring childcare
- Updated communication to Anabaptists communities re: essential services, hygiene, self-isolation, school closures, etc.
- GBHU Infectious Disease (ID) Team continues to respond to COVID19 related calls
- GBHU On-Call Team continues to respond to essential public health activities not related to COVID-19



Situation Report #6: COVID-19

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March 23, 2020

Current Situation:

Testing and case counts as of March 23, 2020:

- 115 negative swabs to date, clients actively apprised of their status
- 1 new case was reported today in Grey Bruce
- 4 cases is the current cumulative total

Actions Taken In the Past 24 Hours:

- New case contact undertaken
- Media release re: self isolation for international travellers
- Staff working remotely policy implemented
- Instagram social media platform initiated
- Automated immediate e-notification from EMS to Public Health regarding potential COVID-19 encounter
- GBHU Infectious Disease (ID) Team continues to respond to COVID19 related calls
- GBHU On-Call Team continues to respond to essential public health activities not related to COVID-19
- Social media / media assessment ongoing
- Communication with other MOHs



Situation Report #5: COVID-19

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March 22, 2020

Current Situation:

Case counts as of March 22, 2020:

0 new cases were reported today in Grey Bruce

3 Cases is the current cumulative total

Actions Taken In the Past 24 Hours:

- GBHU Infectious Disease (ID) Team continues to respond to COVID19 related calls
- GBHU On-Call Team continues to respond to essential public health activities not related to COVID-19
- IMS Planning and IMS Logistics functions assessment ongoing
- Social media / media assessment ongoing
- Communication with other MOHs



Situation Report #4: COVID-19

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March 21, 2020

Situation:

Case counts as of March 21, 2020:

0 new cases were reported today in Grey Bruce

3 Cases is the current cumulative total

Actions Taken In the Past 24 Hours:

- GBHU Infectious Disease (ID) Team continues to respond to COVID19 related calls
- GBHU On-Call Team continues to respond to essential public health activities not related to COVID-19
- IMS Planning and IMS Logistics functions assessment ongoing
- Social media / media assessment ongoing
- Dedicated hotline for essential services (police, fire, EMS,) and staff of MPPs, and MPs; number has been distributed directly to these partners (If you belong to one of these services and your organization has not received the hotline number, please email your contact information including your organization name to Amy Gaviller at A.Gaviller@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca to request access).



Situation Report #3: COVID-19

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March 20, 2020

Situation:

Case counts as of March 20, 2020:

0 new cases were reported today in Grey Bruce

3 Cases is the current cumulative total

Actions Taken In the Past 24 Hours:

- Medical Officer of Health and the three hospital corporations executive directors participate in town hall teleconference, simulcast on four local radio stations and remains available on multiple [websites](#).
- Staff work locations spreading out and others working remotely being implemented.
- GBHU public Helpline is current on calls, received over 1000 calls
- Supplemental resources developed for Long-Term Care and Retirement Facilities re visitor protocols
- Pharmacies and Healthcare providers advised of updated screening protocol
- Wellbeing of staff initiatives undertaken; staff Q&A moving to extranet process
- Personal Service Settings (PSS) to remain closed, re-assessed in two weeks
- Additional telecommunication hardware on order
- Social media / media assessment ongoing
- Essential public health activities not related to COVID-19 continuing
- Opening dedicated hotline for essential services (police, fire, EMS,) and staff of MPPs, and MPs; number to be distributed directly to these partners today

Situation Report #2: COVID-19

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March 19, 2020

Situation:

Case counts as of March 19, 2020:

0 new cases were reported today in Grey Bruce bringing the
3 Cases is the current cumulative total

Actions Taken In the Past 24 Hours:

- Infectious Diseases (ID) staff re-allocated to Incident Management System (IMS) structure within program area
- ID Team moving to 7-day work week 8:30 – 4:30
- 21 people on phones
- Weekend on-call operator will direct COVID-19 calls to ID staff
- Continuing to contact negative cases
- Front entrance screening of staff and visitors with 14-day international travel history implemented
- Staff with international travel in past 14 days going home to self-isolate – memo to staff
- New resources developed for restaurants
- GBHU Operations participating in Ministry Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) call
- Consult assisting United Way on vulnerable/homeless risks
- Hand sanitizer re-supply coming in
- Discontinuing further group staff Q&A sessions



Situation Report #1: COVID-19

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March 18, 2020

Situation:

Case counts as of March 18, 2020:

0 new cases were reported today in Grey Bruce

3 Cases is the current cumulative total

Actions Taken In the Past 24 Hours:

- Extra staff, including all dental, allocated to Helpline – backlog remains approx. 245 in que – Call triage process revamped to put more nurses on front line
- All non-essential inspections suspended. Complaints and rabies to be followed-up
- Signs posted at entrances re: screening for COVID-19
- Amish/Mennonite advised of Emergency Declaration, school closures, and means to reduce disease transmission
- Protocol established for high-risk Health Babies home visits
- Teleconference with fire chiefs and police services
- Protocol developed for high risk Health Babies home visits
- COOP / IMS staff deployment plan
- Staff returning from international travel advised to self-monitor as Public Health is deemed essential service
- Media releases: Emergency declaration, Suspension of Clinical Services, Assessment Centres