

Media Release

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### Active cases in community

During the weekend of July 17-19, Chatham-Kent saw a significant increase in COVID-19 positive cases.

Almost all of these recent cases are immediate family and close contacts of positive cases, which have been identified through contact tracing and have been tested. **There is no evidence that there is significant community spread in Chatham-Kent at this time.**

"I would like to reassure the people of Chatham-Kent that all of our active cases have been isolated and are cooperating with public health measures. The risk in our community remains very low," says Dr. David Colby, Chatham-Kent's Medical Officer of Health. "Finding and isolating cases remains the cornerstone of COVID-19 control," adds Dr. Colby.

**Chatham-Kent is in Stage 3, but the potential for COVID-19 spread is still very real.** Continue to follow these very important public health measures:

- Stay 2 metres away from those outside of your household/social circle
- Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer with 70% alcohol frequently
- Stay home if you're not feeling well, and [get tested for COVID-19](#)
- Face coverings can be worn in indoor public spaces

To learn how to stop the spread of COVID-19, please visit [CK Public Health's COVID-19 website](#).

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