

NOSM COVID-19 Weekly Clinical Rounds

COVID-19: Perspectives on a Case of COVID-19 in a Remote First Nations Community

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DESCRIPTION:

On April 6, Harvey Yesno, the Chief of Eabametoong First Nation announced that a person in his community has tested positive for COVID-19. This was the first COVID-19 case to be confirmed in a Northern Ontario First Nations community. Alarms were raised due to the risk of viral spread being amplified by overcrowding along with lack of community infrastructures like safe water and sanitation, common in many remote communities. Positive take-aways will be shared through our presenter's experiences including concepts of collegiality, teamwork, allyship and community resilience.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Describe the logistical hardships of delivering healthcare to remote First Nation communities.
- 2. Examine how COVID-19 intensifies healthcare hardships and makes public health measures difficult to implement in remote First Nations communities.
- 3. Demonstrate the value of incorporating respectful curiosity in the provision of care to patients from Northern Ontario.



4. Illustrate how the principles of allyship support a community in their development of a pandemic plan.

PRESENTATION AND SESSION DOCUMENTS:

- Watch full presentation: May 29, 2020
 View PowerPoint Slide Deck: May 29, 2020