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Health Unit Removing Gender from COVID-19 Cases Page on Website

NORTH BAY, ON – Effective today the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) will no longer report the gender of an individual case of COVID-19.

Sharing the gender of an individual who tests positive for COVID-19 with the public does not change public safety or the preventative measures taken by the public, or by businesses and municipalities. With the potential for cases related to schools and child care centres it also helps to protect the identity of individuals, both children and adults who test positive for COVID-19.

The Health Unit will share additional information about a case when there is determined to be a risk to the health of the general public from exposure to COVID-19.

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