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Update from Grey Bruce Health Unit

1-We continue to have full control over the outbreak in Grey and Bruce County

- As of Oct 18, 2020 in Grey and Bruce Counties, a total of 164 cases, 8 active cases, 0 case currently hospitalized, 0 death, and 0 facility in COVID-19 outbreak, 0 schools in outbreak, 0 day care in outbreak

2- Increase the Contact Management (Contact Tracing) Capacity:

- Moving staff internally in the health unit to support the COVID-19 team
- Hiring temporary nursing staff
- Recruiting nursing students from Georgian College and training them in contact tracing

3-Working with all schools in Grey and Bruce to ensure safe school reopening

- Public Health has been actively engaged in a number of activities to support school reopening in our region. Activities to date:
 - o Access to COVID-19 testing has been corrected to almost all people who need a test in Grey Bruce can currently have access to same day testing.
 - o Weekly meeting with
 - o Weekly meeting with Assessment Centers
 - o Continues consultation meetings with local School Boards and school officials from all schools in Grey and Bruce
 - o Establishing processes related to managing of cases and outbreaks in schools.
 - o Media Releases
 - o Media campaign with several local, provincial and national radio and TV channels highlighting the collective efforts of different stakeholders in Grey and Bruce. this has the potential to build more trust

4- Mask use in public places

- The MOH Section 22 Order on Sept 10 2020 for 4 more weeks was not renewed based on the presence of the provincial order for mandating masking
- Continued communication with the public and stakeholders to ensure sustaining the optimal participation from the public in using of mask to reduce the risk of virus transmission

5. Ongoing Actions taken by the GBHU

- Receive and review re-opening plans for locations closed due to COVID-19 including inspections, as required
- BHU Infectious Disease (ID) Team continue with case and contact management, reporting, and responding to COVID-19 related calls. Contact tracing exceeds provincial targets with 100% of all cases contacted within 24 hours
- GBHU Team continue to ensure essential public health activities not related to COVID-19