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## **Oil sands industry continues to take active measures to limit COVID-19 exposure**

*Fort McMurray* – The safety and well-being of our communities and workforce is the top priority for OSCA and our members. Oil sands facilities are limited to site-critical staff only and are changing work schedules. These measures have reduced the workforce on site by up to 60 per cent and the frequency of staff rotations.

We were notified yesterday of a COVID-19 diagnosis at an oil sands worksite. We extend our thoughts to the individuals and families affected by this news.

Under provincial regulations, OSCA members have implemented pandemic plans with clear protocols in place when there is a possible COVID-19 exposure.

When a case is identified at a site, Alberta Health Services (AHS) works directly with the company to ensure it has the resources it needs.

- To protect employee privacy, companies will not disclose personal information on suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases among their workforce.
- As per public health protocol, AHS will follow up directly with any individuals who might have come into contact with this person.

[OSCA members have taken aggressive measures](#) to reduce the risk of exposure over the past few weeks and are following AHS-mandated guidance. This includes keeping workers at physical distances in the workplace and on buses/flights. Member companies have implemented screening procedures and self-isolation protocols as well as enhanced workplace hygiene and cleaning.

The oil sands industry is deemed an essential service and companies continue to work with AHS to enhance their respective pandemic plans and procedures to ensure the safety and health of our workforce and our communities.

Should you have company-specific questions, please contact the company directly.

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