

Town of Nackawic Public Service Announcement – March 19, 2020 – 16:30 hours

COVID-19 (Coronavirus Update) – Premier Higgs Declares we are now in a State of Emergency. His message is clear, please stay home! This will save lives.

The Town of Nackawic continues to monitor the impacts COVID-19 via updates provided by Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (Public Health).

Our Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) Co-ordinator Carter Stone has informed us we are now activated to ***Level 2 – Partial Activation which moves us to be on the ready if advised.*** We are prepared to act if required.

To protect staff and continue to provide essential services to residents and help reduce the spread of the virus the following actions have been taken:

- Our Town Hall, Arena and Public Works Department will be closed until further notice; Staff have been sent home as per the directive from the Premiers Office. This will be re-evaluated on **Friday March 27th**.
- Our Town's Fire Station is closed to the public until further notice.
- Our Fire Department is suspending response to medical calls, with exception of critical calls such as a cardiac arrest or at the specific request of Ambulance NB;
- Our Fire Department will continue to respond to what would be considered a normal 911 response call. This includes but is not limited to fire call – motor vehicle accidents ETC as directed by 911.
- Enhanced cleaning procedures of Town facilities are ongoing.
- The arena will remain closed to the general public until further notice.
- Garbage pick up will go as scheduled on Friday's.

These measures are based on current information and are subject to change at any time.

We want to **ENSURE** all residents that our water and wastewater testing protocols will be our top priority and our staff will be steadfast in these endeavours.

Water and Sewer payments;

Payments can be made through your online banking system using the link on our website or by accessing us through your bill payments using your online banking system with your financial institutions. You may also place your payment in the mail. Our mailing address is, Town of Nackawic, 115 Otis Drive, Nackawic NB., E6G 2P1.

Pandemic Information;

We will continue to do our very best to help with the flow of information from our Public Officials. We ask that you continue to take this **Pandemic** extremely serious and keep you and your family safe; by washing your hands often, cough into your elbow, avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with your hands, use tissue paper and throw away, avoid contact with a sick person and use alcohol based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available. We also ask that you **call** to check on your neighbours from time to time. You are encouraged not to attend

any gatherings. This includes making the tough choices not to leave your home unless to get necessities and keeping your children home. In cases that you need to leave your home, please practice social distancing by staying a minimum of 6 feet from another person

COVID – 19 Symptoms

COVID 19 affects your lungs and airways. It's caused by a virus called coronavirus.

Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a cough, a high temperature and shortness of breath.

Presently, there's is no specific treatment for coronavirus (COVID-19). Treatment measures that are in place aims to relieve the symptoms so that you have the best chance to fully recover.

Testing Sites - Province sets up testing centers;

Alternative testing centres for COVID-19 are now operational. You can **not** present to a center on your own accord. You need to first call the province's **Tele-Care 811** line. We urge you to exercise patience when contacting **8-1-1**. They have expanded staffing limits but as you can imagine they are at capacity.

Upper River Valley Health is in the process of setting up a testing facility, to date, this has not been announced.

Be Informed;

- Sharing accurate information can help calm fears, manage anxieties and allow you to connect with others.
- To avoid spreading rumors, use reliable sources of information
- Reliable sources for information include those that have a mission to inform and protect the public like public health authorities.
- The following link is a good resource for our region.

[https://en.horizonnb.ca/home/patients-and-visitors/coronavirus-\(covid-19\)/covid-19-community-assessment-centres-by-appointment.aspx#URV](https://en.horizonnb.ca/home/patients-and-visitors/coronavirus-(covid-19)/covid-19-community-assessment-centres-by-appointment.aspx#URV)

Please Take This Seriously;

We ask that you be vigilant, keeping you and your family safe needs to be everyone's **TOP** priority, we feel that by following these measures will aid all of us in our attempts to remain in good health. Our Health Care System is at Capacity. We wish everyone Good Luck.

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From Mayor Ian Kitchen and Council - The Town of Nackawic