



Town of Neepawa - March 13, 2020

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To date, there have been no identified cases of presumptive COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Neepawa. However, please be advised that the Town of Neepawa has been actively communicating with community leaders to establish preventative measures aimed at helping to slow the virus's spread and minimize its impact.

For the safety and well-being of the community, the Town of Neepawa is currently reviewing its operations and will be implementing proactive precautionary measures to ensure the ability of the Town to deliver core services to its residents. By evaluating what preventative measures and actions are necessary, we can prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Under the guidance of the Province of Manitoba, we ask that individuals practice social distancing to minimize the impact of COVID-19. This practice, involving the avoidance of unnecessary close interactions with individuals for periods of time greater than 10 minutes, or close contact less than two metres (6 feet) feet, will assist in reducing any spread of the virus, and serve to protect vulnerable at-risk populations. Residents are also asked to consider the necessity to physically attend public facilities, and whether a viable option for conducting business is by telephone, email or electronically (online).

Everyone is encouraged to follow basic hygiene practices, the same practices that are recommended each and every year during cold and influenza season. If attending the Civic Administration Office at 275 Hamilton Street, members of the public will be directed to wash their hands or apply the hand sanitizer that will be provided on entry. We will continue to communicate with the Province for updates on the virus, its presence in Manitoba and the actions and protocols to help prevent the spread.

All residents are encouraged to regularly visit <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus/index.html> to access daily up-to-date information published by the Province of Manitoba and direct any health related questions or concerns about COVID-19 (coronavirus) to Health Links at 204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257.

The Town of Neepawa will continue to monitor the COVID-19 (coronavirus) for the protection of the community and provide updates.