



Town of Neepawa - March 18, 2020

Statement #3

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At end of day March 17, 2020, the Province of Manitoba advised that seven additional presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 were identified in Manitoba, bringing the total number of lab-confirmed positive and presumptive positive cases in Manitoba to 15 cases. In a news release today March 18, 2020, the Province has indicated that no further cases have been recorded, and the number remains at 15 cases. NO case of either presumptive or confirmed COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has been identified in Neepawa, nor within the region of Prairie Mountain Health.

The Town of Neepawa continues to be actively involved in communications with the Province and community leaders to ensure the safety of our residents. The response to COVID-19 is very much a health led response on a provincial and national scale and the Town of Neepawa will continue to take our direction from those higher levels of government.

In addition to being aware of the various restrictions imposed for the protection of the public whether related to closures of facilities, restricted access to facilities, or practicing social distancing, the Town of Neepawa would also ask that individuals be mindful of the fact that the Coronavirus does not target any specific group within the population, other than understanding that older people and those living with chronic health condition appear to be the most vulnerable.

The Town of Neepawa would ask residents to respect and follow the guidance of the province as they implement protocol to reduce the spread. Social distancing is key. Although current restrictions on travel speak more specifically to international linkages, the Town of Neepawa would ask that residents look more deeply into what this means and exercise good judgment and caution to consider self-isolation for the protection of the public if involved in recent travel no matter what the location (i.e. snowbirds or travelers in both Canada and the USA).

Please access <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus/index.html> for current information and restrictions relating to COVID-19 in Manitoba. Residents can also contact 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.