



Town of Neepawa - March 16, 2020

Statement #2

*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*

Today the Province of Manitoba has advised that all presumptive cases of COVID-19 have been lab confirmed for a total of seven lab-confirmed cases. As of today, NO case of either presumptive or confirmed COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has been identified in Neepawa.

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 public is encouraged to take heed of the recommendations from public health officials who recommend that all international travelers self-isolate and self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days after returning to Canada.

Given the evolving COVID-19 situation, the health system is now implementing elevated precautions to protect the most vulnerable segment of our population. As a result, certain individuals should NOT visit acute care or long-term care facilities. This includes those who have returned from international travel in the last 14 days; those instructed to self-isolate for 14 days; and those who have cold or flu-like symptoms, such as a cough, fever, runny nose, sore throat, weakness or headache. Please access <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus/index.html> to read more about the new restrictions, and to keep up-to-date on information related to COVID-19 in Manitoba. Residents can also contact Health Links at 204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257.

In response to the recent purchasing trend, the Town reminds residents to be sensitive to the needs of the entire community to ensure that sufficient supplies are available for all individuals to access. Please consider prioritizing your purchasing to include your most immediate needs and in doing so, we can better serve our community by allowing the stores to meet the challenges associated with ordering, receiving and re-stocking the shelves.

The Town also wants to remind all residents that the ONLY thing besides human waste that you should be flushing down the toilet is toilet paper. Baby/personal wipes, diapers, feminine products, paper towels, etc. are not flushable and will cause sewer blockages. Please dispose of these items in the garbage.

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