



Town of Neepawa - March 20, 2020

Statement #5

*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*

Public health officials advise the number of lab-confirmed positive and presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 in Manitoba remains at 17 at this time, with no evidence of community transmission.

In an announcement earlier today, Premier Brian Pallister indicated that the Manitoba Government is declaring a province-wide state of emergency under *The Emergency Measures Act* to protect the health and safety of all Manitobans and reduce the spread of COVID-19.

This move will enable the Province to react more quickly on a broad range of supportive measures to stop the spread of COVID-19 and ensure that essential services are available for all Manitobans during this global health pandemic. As a result, effective at 4:00 p.m. today the following are a few key points going forward (for a period of 30 days):

- NO gatherings over 50 people allowed.
- Penalties for violation are up to 6 months in jail or \$50K for individuals.
- Two-metre distances must be enforced in stores allowed to stay open.
- Grocery stores, shopping centres, pharmacies and gas stations can stay open.
- Gyms, bingo halls and gaming centres must close.
- 50-person limit not applicable for health-care or social service facilities.
- Prescriptions are limited to a 30-day supply.

The Town would continue to direct all residents to obtain official and accurate information on COVID-19 in Manitoba, including information on the latest declaration by visiting:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus/index.html>.

Health-related questions/concerns can be directed to Health Links @ 204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257.

Anyone with questions about access to federal aid programs established as part of Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan should visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html>

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