

Your Questions Answered

Facts from the Town of Neepawa as of May 8, 2020



Know the local facts about coronavirus (COVID-19) and other important matters!

Question

1

What is the Town's role in the pandemic?

The response to COVID-19 is very much a health-led response on a provincial & national level. The Town will continue to take direction from those higher levels of government. Our #1 priority is to continue to deliver essential services while keeping our residents & employees safe, guided by our own Business Continuity Plan & Response Strategy.

Question

2

What Town facilities/programs/recreation areas are open for residents?

Town Administration Office - Opening Soon with reduced Public Hours. Your Admin staff continue to work ensuring your essential services are delivered. We are here to answer calls, emails, messages, or if needed will arrange an appropriately socially-distanced meeting.

Building Permits - Opening Soon with reduced Public Hours. Please call for info: 204-476-3277/email: jeff@neepawaareaplanning.com

Public Works/Parks/Water Plant/Cemetery. All services and staff are fully operational, however buildings will remain closed to public. Our Seasonal Staff have begun and are hard at work tidying up the Town.

Parks & Playgrounds - Open. Use at your own risk, structures are not sanitized, you must adhere to social distancing protocols.

Campground - Open (June 1st). Opens June 1st with limited sites available, you must adhere to social distancing, available for Manitoba Residents only; the washrooms/showers will remain CLOSED.

Biking/Walking/Running - Open. Continue to utilize our beautiful trails and paths, ensuring you adhere to social distancing protocols.

Disc Golf - Open. Sanitized discs available. Call the Office to arrange.

Day Camp - Open (June). Will be run on a trial basis in June, to ensure we can adhere to all Provincial Guidelines, with an aim to have a full Day Camp Program in July & August.

Pool - Closed. Not until permitted by the Provincial Government.

Basketball Courts - Closed. Considered a contact sport - no contact sports permitted under Provincial Guidelines.

Use of Parks/Fields for Baseball/Soccer/Football, etc - Closed. These are all considered contact sports and are not permitted at this time.

Question

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How large is the Prairie Mountain Health region?

Our Region of Prairie Mountain Health (PMH) is very large - encompassing over 67,000 square kilometers!

It covers an area from the United States Border on the South end, all the way North past Swan River; and on the West side from the Saskatchewan Border all the way to the East, almost to Winnipeg.

All cases in Manitoba will be reported from a Regional level, and never by community or municipality - unless there is a specific Public Health concern as identified and released by Public Health.

Please see the map of PMH on the last page.

Question

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What information is available for Businesses?

We know that looking for information for businesses during COVID-19 can be overwhelming.

The Town website has a current list of information for business with links to the various federal and provincial programs.

Town of Neepawa website:

www.neepawa.ca/covid-19

If you have further questions specific to your business, please call Marilyn at our Economic Development Office at 1-204-476-7607.

Shop Local First

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What are the current guidelines on meetings or gatherings?

The Town of Neepawa asks all residents & groups to respect and follow all Provincial Public Health guidelines in order to stay safe and healthy.

It is recommended that gatherings or meetings do not occur unless absolutely necessary. The following is required:

1. MUST be limited to no more than 10 people; **AND**
2. MUST maintain physical distancing of a minimum of 2 meters.

Phone calls, Zoom type meetings, Emails, Group chats, etc are a few alternate ways to connect.

Please report any concerns to:
mgj@gov.mb.ca or 204-945-3744.

Question

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Now that businesses are opening back up - what do I need to know?

The Provincial Public Health Guidelines still apply, are to be followed and will be enforced.

Do NOT go to any place of business, or for any appointment, if you are showing any symptoms or feeling unwell.

Ensure proper social distancing AT ALL TIMES, indoors or outdoors - 2 meters apart.

Ensure you follow 'arrows' on floors of stores.

Ensure you continue to cough into your sleeve or arm.

Limit your time in public places.

Wear mask if you wish. See Q# 7 for details.

Residents are encouraged to stay home as much as possible, continue to utilize on-line or called in ordering/shopping where possible.

Respect the businesses, workplaces and all staff - they are following provincial guidelines and doing their best for us all.

Question

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Are homemade masks required to be worn when out in public spaces?

Wearing a non-medical mask has not been proven to protect the person wearing it. However, good hand hygiene and cough etiquette will provide significant protection from viral respiratory illnesses.

The evolving evidence on transmission of COVID-19 suggests that infected people may spread the virus without experiencing symptoms, or before symptoms begin. Choosing to wear a non-medical mask when making essential trips (e.g., grocery stores) is one way to protect those around you. Be sure to carefully wash your hands before you put on a non-medical mask, and after you take it off. Also, avoid touching your face as much as possible. This will further reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

Wearing a non-medical mask is another way of covering your mouth and nose to prevent your respiratory droplets from spreading to others or landing on surfaces. A mask can reduce the chance that others are coming into contact with your respiratory droplets, in the same way as practicing cough etiquette by covering your mouth and nose with a tissue/sleeve when coughing or sneezing.

The best way to protect yourself is to regularly clean your hands, practice good cough etiquette and practice social distancing, including self-isolating when you are sick or have been exposed to COVID-19.

- * **The mask does NOT protect the wearer, but it does assist in protecting those you come in contact with.**
- * **The mask does NOT mean you can attend appointments or businesses if you have any symptoms.**
- * **The mask does NOT mean you can spend more time in public places than absolutely necessary.**
- * **The mask does NOT permit you to be in groups larger than 10 persons.**

Question

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Where can I get ACCURATE information for me and my family?

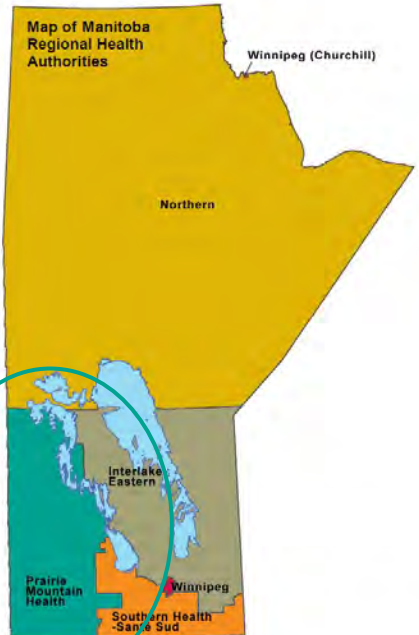
1. For the most accurate/up-to-date info: www.manitoba.ca/covid19
2. Town related info & links: www.neepawa.ca/covid-19-information
3. Frequent updates on our Town Facebook or Instagram pages.

Please ensure you use valid sources of information.

- A) Rumors are never valid sources;
- B) Countries other than Canada are never valid sources;
- C) Provinces other than Manitoba may not pertain to you.



PRAIRIE MOUNTAIN HEALTH



Neepawa

- Ambulance ●
- Community Cancer Programs ●
- Community Health Services Office ●
- Clinic ●
- Hospital ●
- Mental Health Centre ●
- Personal Care Home ●
- Primary Care Centre ●
- Primary Health Care Centre ●
- Rehabilitation Unit ●
- Transitional Care Centres ●

