



PRESS RELEASE

Town of Fort Frances Emergency Control Group

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – April 3rd, 2020

The Town of Fort Frances Emergency Control Group (FFECG) met on Friday April 3, 2020 to follow up on a number of critical issues related to keeping our community safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Specifically, the FFECG can now report that there is a plan in place for homeless individuals in the Town of Fort Frances. The Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) will keep their warming centre open until April 17th and have made additional arrangements to house these individuals after that point. These plans provide for the required physical distancing precautions needed to keep these residents, and our community safe. The plans also include protocols for isolation of anyone who tests positive. The RRDSSAB will be providing the community with more information in the coming days.

The Control Group also stresses the importance of the following measures to keep yourself and the public safe:

- Wash your hands with soap and water thoroughly and often.
- Follow cough and sneeze etiquette.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Practice physical distancing as much as possible (2-3 meters apart), even when outdoors.
- Avoid all unnecessary group interactions and maintain physical distancing when interacting with others.
- Do not hold in person parties or social gatherings at this time. Be advised that this violates Provincial Orders and may subject those involved to fines or further enforcement actions.
- Avoid leaving home except to go to work, purchase groceries, medicine, essential supplies or to exercise while maintaining physical distancing.
- Do your best to limit shopping trips to once per week and one person per trip where possible.
- If you go out, wash your hands before you go, and when you return. If possible, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when entering and leaving a store.
- Frequently used surfaces should be cleaned & disinfected regularly using appropriate cleaning methods.

We thank you for your patience and understanding and would like you to be reassured that we will continue to take precautions to help keep our staff and the general public safe during this difficult time. We encourage anyone who requires further information to visit our website www.fortfrances.ca or follow The Town of Fort Frances on Facebook or Twitter.

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