



PRESS RELEASE

Town of Fort Frances Emergency Control Group

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The Town of Fort Frances Emergency Control Group is continuing to monitor the COVID-19 situation and are following the guidance from Public Health and senior levels of Government.

The Control Group continues to stress 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.
- Group gatherings of no more than 10 people is now permitted, please ensure you still follow physical distancing guidelines.
- Social circles are also now permitted. This will allow close contact for group of a maximum of 10 people outside of your home. Once your group is established, you are not allowed to switch groups or change people within your group.
- 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.
- The International border remains closed until June 21st. For further information regarding the closure or exceptions please visit the CBSA website at <https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/menu-eng.html>.
- The Northwestern Health Unit (NWHU) is still recommending that residents do not travel outside of the community that they live in, unless for essential purposes. Individuals who travel outside of their community should self-monitor for 14 days, and self-isolate if symptoms develop.
- The NWHU also is allowing anyone with one of the following to now be tested for COVID-19:
 - All people with at least one symptom of COVID-19; or
 - People who are concerned that they have been exposed to COVID-19; or
 - People who are at risk of exposure to COVID-19 through their employment.

For more information about testing, the public can call NWHU's COVID-19 hotline at 1-866-468-2240.

We also want to remind the public that the following Municipal locations have opened for public use:

- Point Park Campgrounds open to self-contained units (Rv's, Campers, and any other type of unit which has washroom facilities contained inside). Tents are not permitted at this time due to washroom facilities still being closed.
- Seven Oaks (reminder to follow social distancing rules).
- Municipal Beaches (reminder to follow social distancing rules).
- Baseball diamonds (Team sports are not permitted).
- Tennis Courts
- Marina Boat Launch
- McIrvine Boat Launch
- Picnic Areas are open in parks (reminder to follow social distancing rules).
- Green spaces in parks and trails are open for walkthrough access, but individuals must always maintain a physical distance of at least two metres apart from others.

Please be advised that individuals are expected to physically distance (gatherings 10 people or less) and follow hygiene rules while enjoying these facilities.

All other recreational amenities (skatepark, exercise equipment, playgrounds, etc.), public washrooms and Municipal buildings remain closed at this time.

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, follow The Town of Fort Frances on Facebook or Twitter or visit the Northwestern Health Unit website at www.nwhu.on.ca.

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