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Public Notice

Declaration of a State of Emergency for the Town of Moosonee to deal with the COVID-19 Pandemic

At 3:30 Pm on Friday March 27, 2020, Mayor Wayne Taipale declared a State of Emergency in the Town of Moosonee.

Doing so will:

Stress the importance of adhering to Pandemic Health Directives from the Federal, Provincial, and Area Health agencies and government - **Wash Hands, Disinfect, Social distance, Self-Isolate where directed, avoid travel.**

Enable the Town to respond quickly to the Pandemic as the situation evolves and changes.

Allow the Town to identify and access additional resources when available and as necessary to deal with the Pandemic as it currently exists and as it may escalate.

Further enable the Towns current efforts to plan for the potential escalation of the Pandemic locally and the potential for a flood / evacuation emergency concurrently.

As of the date of declaration **there are no positive cases of the COVID-19 virus in the Moosonee, Moose Factory or James Bay Communities**. The Porcupine Health Unit, the Weeneebayco Area Health Authority, the Moosonee Health Centre (WAHA), the Paramedic Service (WAHA), the Ontario Provincial Police, Town of Moosonee Staff and area agencies are working together as members of the Town of Moosonee Emergency Control Group, to address the COVID-19 crisis.

"Act as though the virus is here"

Moosonee COVID-19 Update, May 5th, 2020

The Town of Moosonee Remains under a state of Emergence due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Residents are urged to adhere to Provincial health guidelines that include:

Wash hands - Practice Physical Distancing – Avoid Groups of People - Travel for Essential purposes - work from home where possible.

The Moosonee Emergency Control Group meets regularly to ensure that the community is doing what it can to prepare for an escalation or surge in infection locally. The Control group is made up of representatives of the Porcupine Health Unit, WAHA healthcare Services, The OPP, Cochrane & District Social Services, Payukotayno Family and Children Services and Town Department Managers.

Businesses and Services that are allowed to operate are identified by the Province of Ontario with information updated by the province on a daily basis. Best practices and guidelines for virus prevention are also provided by the Ontario Government and Local Health authorities

Travel into and out of the Town of Moosonee is limited according to Ontario guidelines which are recommendations that people travel for essential reasons –

If travelling through Moosonee to Moose Factory Island or to the James Bay communities, it is important that you verify:

1. That you will have transportation from Moosonee to the destination community.
2. That the destination community will allow you entry into their community.

If Moosonee is your final destination it is important that you verify that you have accommodation in Moosonee as accommodation is currently limited.

Contractors providing essential service or working at essential service sites are urged to take as many steps as practical to prevent virus spread