



Public Notice COVID-19 Pandemic Update

TERRACE BAY, ON March 25, 2020 Due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, the Township of Terrace Bay's Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) has met numerous times, most recently on March 24th at 10am to discuss updates from the Federal and Provincial governments; updates from health agencies that we liaise with; the Township's Emergency Plan and continued monitoring of the COVID-19 situation. Terrace Bay's MECG group consists of the Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk, Fire Chief, and Public Works Supervisor.

While we continue to monitor the situation and work with our neighbouring municipalities and partner agencies, we do not see a municipal emergency being declared as a necessary step at this time. It is important to emphasize that this situation could change very rapidly.

The Terrace Bay Municipal Office, Library and all recreational facilities remain closed at this time. The Township's services have been reduced to essential Public Works, including: drinking water & wastewater treatment, snow clearing, garbage collection and the landfill. Fire Service also remains at its normal readiness level. The Township has isolated critical staff, invoked working from home for those who can and reduced service levels so as to ensure the continuation of these essential services. Should residents have any Township related questions, we invite them to reach out via phone: 807-825-3315, Monday to Friday, 9am - 3pm or email: info@terracebay.ca. Residents are encouraged to delay any non-essential business or to consider conducting business online or by phone, where possible.

The Township wishes to remind the public that this is a time for calm and thoughtfulness. Council and Staff will continue to monitor the situation very carefully, and will continue to make decisions that are measured, precautionary and in the community's best interests. At this time a major concern in our community is that some and particularly youth are not practicing proper social/physical distancing. This must stop! We need everyone's support, especially parents to make this happen. Worldwide this has been the most effective way of reducing the speed of the spread of this virus. If we are not successful in maintaining our own barriers we risk overloading our health facilities and resources.

"Social or physical distancing is absolutely crucial to helping stop the spread of this virus. We are looking to all Terrace Bay residents to avoid social/ group interactions as much as possible and read, understand and adhere to recommended practices as provided by the health agencies."

Jody Davis, Mayor

According to the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, as of March 24, 2020 at 10:00am, there are currently no confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the Thunder Bay District. However, we cannot stress enough, the need for the public to be extra diligent in protecting themselves and others against illness-causing germs by:

- Obeying the mandatory 14-day self-isolation for anyone who has travelled outside Canada upon their return;
- Strict adherence in practicing physical or social distancing (minimum 2m or 6ft) as much as possible when out in public and generally avoiding large group situations;
- washing hands often and thoroughly with soap and water, or use 60% or better alcohol-based hand sanitizer;
- covering your cough and sneeze with a tissue or into your arm, not your hand; and
- stay home if you are sick and if you are symptomatic Using the province's [self-assessment tool](#)

The Township and MEGG would like to remind the public not to rely only on social media news and updates. It is recommended that all information should be cross checked and confirmed with accurate reliable sources from professionals.

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For additional information, we recommend reading and monitoring the following websites:

[North of Superior Healthcare Group](#)

[Thunder Bay District Health Unit](#)

[Government of Canada](#)

[Ontario Ministry of Health](#)

[Status of Cases in Ontario](#)

[World Health Organization](#)