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Subject: Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The health and safety of our community remains our top priority, and the COVID-19 situation continues to change rapidly. Woodlands County remains open to the public and is fully prepared to manage this pandemic. Our Business Continuity Plan outlines and identifies resources to carry on during a business disruption.

We continue to be in daily contact and receiving updates from health and travel authorities and will update our citizens as information is made available.

Alberta Health recommends:

- **Cancelling events with the following criteria:**
 - Events with more than 250 attendees.
 - This includes large sporting events, conferences and community events.
 - It does not include places of worship, grocery stores, airports or shopping centres
 - Events with more than 50 attendees and expects to have international participants, or involves critical infrastructure staff, seniors, or other high-risk populations
 - Events that do not meet this criteria can proceed, but risk mitigation must be in place, such as sanitizer stations and distancing between attendees.
- **Schools and daycares can remain open** at this time, but steps should be taken to ensure no more than 250 people are in the same room at any given time.
- **Prevention**
 - To help protect you and your family against all respiratory illnesses, including flu and COVID-19, you should:
 - Wash your hands often and well
 - Avoid touching your face, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick
 - Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched
 - Stay at home and away from others if you are feeling ill
 - Contact your primary health provider or Health Link 811 if you have questions or concerns about your health
 - When sick, cover your cough and sneezes and then wash your hands
- **Stay home when you are sick**

Information about COVID-19 will be updated on our website www.woodlands.ab.ca, on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/woodlands.ab.ca>, and alerts will be sent our through BARCC Connect <https://barcc.ca/m/sign-up>.

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