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Subject: Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Alberta Health is learning more about COVID-19 and making recommendations based on that new information. New cases in the province, from Edmonton and Calgary regions bring the provincial total to 56. There are still no known cases in the Woodlands County region.

The newest recommendations from Alberta Health include:

- Student attendance at **K to 12 schools is prohibited and post-secondary classes are cancelled**
- All licensed **childcare facilities, out-of-school care programs and preschool programs are closed indefinitely**
 - Approved day homes are exempt as they care for fewer than seven children at a time
- All **long-term care** and other continuing care facilities are advised to limit visitation to essential visitors only
- Places of worship are no longer exempt from restrictions on mass gatherings
- **Flight information from confirmed cases** is available for travellers who have recently returned to Canada

<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-flight-information.pdf>

Other recommendations are still in place and critical to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- Stay home and away from others if sick or in isolation
- Wash hands often
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching face with unwashed hands
- Avoid travel outside Canada
- Self-isolate for 14 days if returning from travel outside Canada or were exposed to COVID-19

Continue to review updated and factual information published by Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services (AHS):

- <https://www.alberta.ca/covid19>
- <http://ahs.ca/covid>

Woodlands County is monitoring the situation and will implement necessary protocols when required. Until further notice we are open for business during regular hours and will keep our residents and staff informed.

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