

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Subject: Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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

The **Woodlands County Library Board** has closed the following facilities until further notice:

- Blue Ridge Community Library
- Fort Assiniboine Public Library

Today, the Government of Alberta declared state of public health emergency and has expanded the recommendations to stop the spread of COVID-19.

The **newest recommendations** include:

- Mass gatherings are now **limited to no more than 50 attendees**. This includes worship gatherings and family events such as weddings. Grocery stores, shopping centres, health-care facilities, airports, the legislature and other essential services are not included.
- To **limit the amount of time Albertans are spending in large crowds and crowded spaces**, all Albertans are prohibited from attending public recreational facilities and private entertainment facilities, including gyms, swimming pools, arenas, science centres, museums, art galleries, community centres, children's play centres, casinos, racing entertainment centres, and bingo halls.
- **Sit-down restaurants**, cafés, coffee shops, food courts and other food-serving facilities, including those with a minors-allowed liquor license, are **limited to 50 per cent capacity to a maximum of 50 people**. Take-out, delivery or drive-through service is permitted. Licensed facilities will also be permitted to deliver liquor.
- At this time, not-for-profit community kitchens, soup kitchens and religious kitchens are exempt, but sanitization practices are expected to be in place and support will be in place for this practice.
- Until further notice, all Albertans are restricted from attending bars and nightclubs, where minors are prohibited by law.

Please 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>

Check our website regularly for related updates <https://woodlands.ab.ca/covid19>.

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