

**Date:** 27 March 2020

**Subject:** Woodlands County COVID-19 Update

As the COVID-19 situation evolves, Woodlands County continues to monitor the situation and looks to the health authorities to provide direction and guidance, so the County can make decisions for the best interest of its residents.

**Woodlands County has closed the following recreation sites** until further notice:

- Blue Ridge Recreation Area
- Groat Creek Recreation Area
- Hard Luck Canyon
- Mouth of the Freeman Day Use Area

Our municipal offices remain closed; however, our staff continue to provide services for the municipality including managing the recent winter conditions on our roadways, daily water and wastewater services, and operation of our transfer sites.

**Main reception is open to receive calls and answer questions during regular business hours** (Monday to Friday, 8:15 am to 4:30 pm). 780-778-8400 or toll-free 1-888-870-6315.

#### **Alberta Health Public Health Orders**

To protect the health and safety of Albertans, law enforcement agencies now have full authority to enforce public health orders and issue fines for violations.

- **Mandatory 14-day self-isolation** for returning international travellers or close contacts of people with confirmed COVID-19.
- **Mandatory 10-day self-isolation** for people with symptoms that are not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition: cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat.
- **Violation of mass gathering restrictions are now legally enforceable and subject to fines.**
- Facilities under this order include all nursing homes, designated supportive living and long-term care facilities, seniors lodges and any facility in which residential addiction treatment services are offered under the Mental Health Services Protection Act.

For full information related to self-isolation visit <https://www.alberta.ca/self-isolation.aspx>.

The Alberta Government is providing \$30 million to municipalities, charitable and non-profit organizations to provide help to individuals, seniors, families and other vulnerable Albertans who are isolated or impacted by measures to contain COVID-19. Charitable and non-profit organizations are encouraged to connect directly with our office to get further information and obtain grant guidelines. Learn more at <https://woodlands.ab.ca/covid19>.

**To learn more from the Province**, visit <https://www.alberta.ca/covid19>.

The Government of Canada is continually offering new supports for individuals and businesses. For the latest on Canada's economic response plan visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html>.

To help you navigate the information from various channels; federal, provincial, health authorities, and business resources, we have created a one-stop shop to direct you to the appropriate place.

**Visit <https://woodlands.ab.ca/covid19> regularly for updates.**

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