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*COVID-19 Public
Announcement*

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Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr Deena Hinshaw is monitoring the situation closely and gives a statement regularly: see www.alberta.ca/coronavirus. Alberta Health will continue to identify and isolate all new cases confirmed in the Province. All travelers returning to Alberta from anywhere outside of Canada should consider limiting attendance at large public gatherings and most importantly, should closely monitor themselves for any symptoms such as fever or cough. If they experience symptoms, they should immediately self isolate and call Health Link at **811** for assessment and testing. – Alberta Health is the lead agency in this matter.

Yesterday Alberta announced five new COVID - 19 cases in Alberta. As of March 11th the following areas have confirmed cases: Calgary Zone 11, Edmonton Zone 7 and Central Zone 1...all are in self quarantine. The World Health Organization declared a pandemic globally today because of the serious nature of the virus. The global coronavirus death toll has risen to over 4,300 and the number of confirmed cases has exceeded 121,000.

In Canada, there are 103 confirmed cases or presumptive cases (ON 42, BC 39, QC 7, AB 14, Repatriated Canadians 1) with 1 death (BC=1)). In the USA there are over 1,000 confirmed cases and 29 deaths. These numbers are changing daily however.

The province recommends that anyone over 65 and those with chronic health conditions not travel outside of Canada. The risk of exposure to the virus is currently low in Alberta. However, this may change over the coming weeks.

Our public health organizations are doing precisely what they are intended to do: detect new cases and take immediate action.

The Town will be ensuring all public facilities have access to hand sanitizers and regular cleaning of our public spaces. That said, you should thoroughly and frequently wash your hands, and avoid touching your face. Our Director of Emergency Management, Ken Steed is monitoring the situation daily and will advise of further action if necessary.

Wash your hands and stay calm!

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