



## News Release

### COVID-19 Update #1

20 March 2020

ST. GEORGE - Yesterday afternoon Premier Blain Higgs declared a State of Emergency in our province. Many previous advisories are now law, such as 14 day self-isolation for those that have been outside of Canada and the closure of non-essential businesses such as hair stylist/barbers, restaurant dining rooms and fitness studios. Only essential services are permitted to operate. As resulting from the declaration: all recreation courts in the town, such as the tennis courts and basketball court, will be closed.

Since Tuesday, the Town of St. George Emergency Measures has been at a Level One: Active Monitoring resulting in daily communication with the Provincial EMO officials.

The Town continues to follow the directives and recommendations from the Government of Canada, the Province of New Brunswick and the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (Public Health), as the reference point for decisions and action. Residents who are proactive in monitoring the communications from these entities through their official channels are encouraged to follow directives even when the information is not yet distributed by the Town. The Province's primary point of information for COVID-19 is [www.gnb.ca/coronavirus](http://www.gnb.ca/coronavirus).

As the fluid situation surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have new and varying effects in our world, the Town of St. George remains diligent in protecting the safety of residents while maintaining essential municipal functions.

"We ask that all residents comply with the direction from the Provincial government and listen to instructions of public health officials." said Acting Mayor Faith Avery. "I want all residents to know that we are taking steps to ensure that the town provides continuous, uninterrupted municipal services to its residents."

In compliance with current information the Town is taking numerous steps to reduce and limit contact via Town-sponsored activities. The Magaguadavic Place community center is closed for a period of thirty (30) days, currently cancelling all events and programs until April 12. The Town Office is closed to the general public and has limited staff on site daily. The Fire Hall is closed to the public, remaining ready for the use of St. George Fire Department personnel only.

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