



## News Release

### COVID-19 Update #3

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ST. GEORGE – While it may appear that there is a “reopening” or relaxing of government directives relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, there are many conditions that must be met in order to move towards a return to normalcy, which, according to contacts at the Government of New Brunswick, is not expected for 12-18 months. And it is important to remember that the Province remains at a State of Emergency.

Despite the recent set of conditions on reopening from the Province, some of those conditions remain operationally difficult to achieve and result in the continued closure. Case in point are the tennis courts; a number of the requirements for reopening the tennis court present challenges and are still being reviewed. Some facilities/recreation areas may remain closed if a level of public safety cannot be satisfactorily achieved.

It is strongly recommended that residents use face mask (or face coverings) while in public, especially as people increase interactions with others. And the use of social distancing (2 meters/6 feet) remains in effect.

With regards to annual events of the Town:

- The annual Town-wide Clean-up (first weekend of May) has been cancelled.
- Town-wide Yard Sale (May 23) has been cancelled.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 5k Marathon (May 30) has been cancelled.
- Canada Day events are being reviewed – announcement to follow.
- Summer Concert Series (Thursday evenings, July-August) is being reviewed – announcement to follow.
- SummerFest (scheduled for July 17-19) is being reviewed – announcement to follow.

The following are current situations within the Town of St. George:

- All playgrounds, sports courts, Skate Park, sports fields remain closed to the public.
- Canal Beach remains closed for the season (June 6 to Sept 6).
- Walking trails remain open.
- The Town Hall is closed to the public.
- The Fire Hall is closed to all, unless there is an active fire call, then only fire fighter members are permitted in the fire hall.
- All water and waste water (sewage) services continue uninterrupted.
- Trash and Recycling collection continues as scheduled.
- The Magaguadavic Place Civic Center is closed to the public and all activities/rentals until the end of May have been cancelled.

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- Those retail stores still open are limiting customers, enforcing social distancing and have altered hours of operation:
  - LeBlanc's Independent Grocer, Country Market, Great Canadian Dollar Store, Terry's Beef n' More, Vances Auto Supply, Granite Town Farms remain open.
  - Both of the two (2) local pharmacies remain open.
  - Pete's Dairy Bar
- Restaurant dining areas/rooms are closed however take-out is available.
- Banking, Accounting & Insurance - Bank of Nova Scotia, Bayview Credit Union, ANR Accountants, and H&R Block are open as well as local insurance firms.
- Barber shops, beauty/hair salons remain closed.
- **Please wear a face mask/covering when visiting local businesses!**

Acting Mayor Avery and senior staff continue to communicate with Public Health & Public Safety of the Government of New Brunswick as well as regular communication with leadership of the St. George Detachment of the RCMP. In addition, a recent teleconference with staff of Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA).

"As the province continues to report no new cases of COVID-19, we must continue to take this pandemic seriously and follow the provincial directives". Said Acting Mayor Faith Avery. "Let's not let our guard down now as we do not want resurgence of cases."

There has been no concerns with operations of the Town's water and waste water operations and members of the Town's Public Works continue to complete annual spring task as planned. The planning and development of larger projects continues however some delays are being experienced which will likely result in start/end dates being push ahead.

An announcement on the impact of summer events is expect next week after a Special Meeting of Council.

#### Related Links:

Federal Government COVID-19 - <https://www.canada.ca/coronavirus>

GNB - <https://www.gnb.ca/coronavirus>

John Hopkins COVID-19 World Map - <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

Fire Watch (Burning Ban) - [https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/news/public\\_alerts/forest\\_fire\\_watch.html](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/news/public_alerts/forest_fire_watch.html)