

COVID-19 NEWSLETTER

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REEVE'S MESSAGE:

March 23, 2020

The RM is taking all requirements and recommendations regarding COVID-19 from the Saskatchewan Government and Federal Government very seriously and we strongly encourage you as our ratepayers to as well.

It was decided at our March 18, 2020 regular meeting of Council to close the Municipal Office and Shop to the public until further notice. The municipal operations are continuing as per usual. If you need to contact the RM please call 306-749-2233 or email rm460@sasktel.net. Payments can be made by e-transfer to rm460@sasktel.net or cheques can be mailed to Box 369, Birch Hills, SK, S0J 0G0.

As we enter this unprecedented time there are practical things we can all do which will protect our families, friends, coworkers, community, province, etc., as per below:

- Washing your hands regularly, social and physical distancing, 14 day self-isolation for those who have traveled outside of Canada, quarantining where necessary.
- Only go out in public if necessary otherwise enjoy this time at home.
- Follow <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/Covid19> for updates.
- For health concerns whether physical or mental health dial 811.

We, as your local government understand that there are necessities to life such as picking up groceries, prescriptions, etc. which require going into public places. While in these places ensure to practice physical distancing of 2 meters between people, as set out by the Saskatchewan Government, as of March 23, 2020 and it's imperative to wash your hands regularly.

To assist those who are in a higher risk category due to age, pre-existing conditions, are self-isolating or under quarantine we are offering a delivery service of groceries and prescriptions. As this service is new there may be a few challenges as we get it up and running. We appreciate your patience in this process.

To our agriculture sector, ensure to follow physical distancing while loading and hauling grain. And further to this, find out what the protocol and guidelines are from the companies hauling your grain. Question them prior to them arriving at your farm as to if they have recently travelled outside of Canada and if they have been in contact with someone who may have COVID-19.

Throughout this time many churches have switched to an online platform. If your church is not listed below please contact them directly for more information as we were unable to reach all the local churches prior to the printing of this newsletter.

- Birch Hills Community Church & Saron Parish - Facebook
- St. Mary's Anglican Church - Website: www.skdiocese.com - Facebook & YouTube
- Lake Park Baptist Church - Website: www.lakepark.ca - YouTube

As the RM receives updates from Public Health it will be posted to the RM website which can be found at rmbirchhills460.ca and we are looking at setting up a Facebook page as well. We have started an email database for emergencies. Please email the RM @ rm460@sasktel.net if you would like to be added to our mailing list.

We all have the obligation to follow the requirements set forth by Public Health in conjunction with the Provincial and Federal Government. As the RM of Birch Hills Reeve, Council, Staff and Administration we want you to know that as we enter this unprecedented time which is continuously changing we will do our best to keep you informed as we receive information from Public Health.