



Claresholm

INFORMATION BULLETIN COVID-19 MARCH 13, 2020

The Town of Claresholm is committed to sharing information with our residents regarding COVID-19. On all matters of health, the Town of Claresholm follows protocols instituted by Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health and Alberta Health Services.

Effective immediately, the Alberta government is asking all large gatherings or international events in the province to be cancelled and advising Albertans against travel outside of the country.

Alberta is asking organizers to cancel any events that have more than 250 attendees. This includes large sporting events, conferences and community events. It does not extend to places of worship, grocery stores, airports or shopping centres.

Any event that has more than 50 attendees and expects to have international participants, or involves critical infrastructure staff, seniors, or other high-risk populations should also be cancelled.

Events that do not meet these criteria can proceed, but risk mitigation must be in place, such as sanitizer stations and distancing between attendees.

At this time, schools and daycares can remain open but steps should be taken to ensure that no more than 250 individuals are in the same room at any given time.

Effective March 12, all Albertans who are currently outside the country should self-isolate on their return for 14 days, independent of the country they were visiting.

Finally, it is recommended that any Albertan who is ill with influenza-like symptoms such as fever or cough stay at home for 14 days after their illness started.

As per this new public health restrictions issued in Alberta, the Town of Claresholm is cancelling, or asking others to cancel, all large events or gathering of seniors and other high-risk populations in our community. This includes the **Atom B Minor Hockey Provincials, Claresholm Curling Club Bonspiels, Claresholm & District FCSS Women's Conference, and all large events at the Claresholm Community Centre.** **Effective today, the Claresholm Arena will be closed for the season.** The Claresholm Aquatic Centre is currently remaining open, but the hot tub is closed due to the close proximity of individuals. Anyone who is sick (simple cold or otherwise) or who has recently travelled outside the country or been in contact with someone who has travelled outside the country is being asked to not use the facility. The Town is asking that you reconsider the need for any gatherings regardless of size and postpone if unnecessary (board meetings, service group meetings, etc.). If you are uncertain whether your event has been cancelled, or should be cancelled, please contact the Town Office or Facility Management for whichever facility your gathering is in. We appreciate your patience and understanding in this matter, and wish for all residents to remain healthy.

Latest updates from Alberta's Chief Medical Officer:

<https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx#toc-9>