



INFORMATION BULLETIN

COVID-19

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The Town of Claresholm continues to follow all guidelines and protocols put forward by Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health and urges residents to do the same. For the Province's latest information, please visit www.alberta.ca/COVID19. For more information on Alberta's Relaunch Strategy, please read the document at <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-relaunch-strategy.aspx>. Our province is moving to Stage 2 of Alberta's Relaunch Strategy on Friday, June 12th.

The Town of Claresholm is pleased that the relaunch is progressing to the next stage. In response to the Province's recommendations, the Town is providing an update on our local facilities.

Claresholm Spray Park will be open to the public starting on Friday, June 12th. Hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily. Use of the space will follow the same protocols as playgrounds. Please use hand sanitizer before and after your visit, and wash your hands with warm soapy water as soon as you arrive home. Centennial Park Campground will also be opened to full capacity, including tenting.

Claresholm Aquatic Centre is allowed to open as part of Stage 2, however, it will take some time to fully prepare the facility and train staff for reopening. Annual maintenance is currently taking place, which will allow the facility to remain open instead of closing in November. The pool is located within the Claresholm Centre for Mental Health & Addictions, therefore the ultimate authority of when the facility can open to the public will come from Alberta Health Services. Although we are excited to get back in the water, the safety of staff and patrons is paramount. The staff are looking forward to seeing you soon. Please watch for updated information as soon as it becomes available.

The Claresholm Arena is allowed to open as part of Stage 2, however many restrictions remain in place. Please contact rec@claresholm.ca if you would like to use the facility as permitted under Stage 2. The Town will be making sure that the facility is safe for everyone prior to opening for use.

The Claresholm Community Centre is accepting bookings but will be following proper protocols. Renters will be expected to maintain physical distancing and groups must be within the maximum numbers for indoor gatherings during Stage 2. Bookings will be spaced apart to allow for adequate cleaning of the space between renters and can be made by contacting Tracy at the Town Office.

Claresholm Public Library will be reopening to the public starting on Tuesday, June 16th with reduced hours. For further information, please contact the Library. The Library staff are looking forward to welcoming you back!

Due to COVID-19 disruptions in staffing earlier this year, the Town of Claresholm has cancelled Spring Clean-up for 2020. Although Council and Administration are aware that residents appreciate this service, staffing limitations have put public works crews behind in their usual work tasks this year. Providing Spring Clean-up to residents at this point would further delay regular maintenance and additional projects that need to be completed. The Town will look at continuing this service in 2021. Please use local contractors for

removal of unwanted items or consider taking them to the landfill. Dumpsters are available for rent by contacting the Town Office.

Canada Day is coming soon, and Event Coordinator Lauren Billey has many great things planned! The Town has created a virtual space combined with fun activities to get everyone outside and celebrating safely with your family. Everything begins at 11:00 a.m. with the flag raising and singing of O' Canada, followed by a magic show. Through the afternoon and evening, the Town Facebook event page will host interactive games that can be done outdoors to win great prizes from local businesses. Live music from Cody Hall and a virtual dance party will round out the day. Please plan to join us!

NOTE: The Alberta Government states that non-essential travel outside the province is not recommended at this time.

The Town of Claresholm would like to thank you for doing your part to Stop the Spread of COVID-19. Your perseverance has truly paid off with our low infection rates.

Please continue to follow the guidelines put forth by Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health and take care of yourselves and your families. Together, we are stronger.