



# INFORMATION BULLETIN COVID-19 MARCH 24, 2020

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Prior to the regular council meeting on Monday, March 23rd at 7:00pm, Council wanted to say thank you to all the first responders & front-line workers that are doing all they can to help during this pandemic. Your work is essential to our community's safety & we appreciate you. Their video has been posted to the Town's Facebook account.

Thank you to the community for being responsible & practicing social distancing. We will get through this together.

In response to the current COVID-19 situation in Alberta, the Town of Claresholm is taking steps to reduce risk to staff and the general public. At the regular Council meeting on March 23, 2020, Town Council asked that **all playgrounds in the Town of Claresholm be closed to the public**. Open spaces including pathways will remain open. Council is acting on the advice of health officials given how long the virus can last on surfaces, and is looking out for our community's best interests. Town staff will be putting up notices today.

Council also wants to stress that **travellers returning to Alberta need to immediately self-isolate for 14 days upon returning. This means that you are not to stop at the grocery store, gas station or to visit family or friends. You must return home immediately.** This is a public health order, not a suggestion. The only way we are going to survive this pandemic is by taking care of each other.

At the March 23, 2020 regular Council meeting, Council passed a motion to approve the temporary suspension of utility penalties and utility shutoffs until September 30, 2020 in response to the financial difficulties presented by COVID-19. This will apply to all utility accounts from March 23<sup>rd</sup> onward.

The Administration and FCSS offices remain closed to the public, but staff continue to report for work and are available by phone or email for citizen assistance.

Citizens can call 403-625-3381 or email [info@claresholm.ca](mailto:info@claresholm.ca) to reach staff or for inquiries.

More information is available at [www.ahs.ca/covid19](http://www.ahs.ca/covid19).