

Message from Mayor Rob Keffer:
COVID-19 update – December 11, 2020

As we feared, the daily COVID-19 caseload has continued to increase, so effective Monday we will be in the “red” zone.

What does this mean for you? Red – also called the “control” level – is the highest level of restrictions without requiring wide-scale closures of businesses and organizations. Some of the key points are:

- Limit close contact to people in your own household. In other words, you should not be closer than 2 metres to anyone except the people you live with, unless you are wearing a mask.
- Even with distancing and masks, social gatherings cannot be more than 5 people indoors or 25 people outdoors.
- You should only go out for essential reasons, such as work, school, groceries, pharmacy, health care, helping vulnerable people, exercise and physical activity.
- Anyone who can work remotely should do so.
- Restaurants, recreational facilities and meeting spaces are reduced to a capacity of 10 people.

Your cooperation with these new restrictions is critical. We need to limit the spread of the virus not only to prevent further deaths, but also to protect more people from suffering what can be an extremely severe illness with long-lasting effects. A young Bradford man sadly lost his life to the virus last week, and 44 residents are currently infected, with one in hospital. The rapid rate of infection poses a great challenge for our health care system’s ability to test and do contact tracing in a timely fashion, which poses further public risk.

The Town has worked with the Central LHIN (Local Health Integration Network) to make the Bob Fallis arena available for a pop-up COVID-19 testing site. The testing site will be open every Tuesday in December from 10 am to 2pm on a first-come, first-served basis (no appointments). If you have any symptoms or if you think you may have come into contact with a person with COVID-19, please get tested.

Please stay home when you can and stay safe!

Best,
Rob Keffer