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News Release

November 25, 2020 COVID-19 Update

On Tuesday November 24, 2020 The Government of Alberta announced new mandatory health measures to take effect as of November 27, 2020. Detailed Information regarding these measures can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx>.

COVID-19 cases continue rising across Alberta and the situation is critical. Stronger public health measures are now required to address the growing number of cases. Together these measures will help protect our health care system, keep schools and businesses open as much as possible and protect vulnerable Albertans. Health officials are monitoring the situation and will adjust measures as required.


The Town of Bentley is no exception to these measures, we need to protect those that are vulnerable and ensure that we do not have an outbreak in our community. Bentley has remained relatively safe due to the efforts of our community to ensure that social distancing is maintained. However, on November 22, 2020 there were two confirmed cases of COVID-19 at the Bentley High School. It is important to note that the source of spread was identified from an outside venue in another community. Also, there was another potential exposure to COVID-19 from a worker within a business in the community. I would like to take a moment to ensure you that the Town has spoken with both the school and the local business and all necessary steps were taken in accordance with AHS protocol to ensure that these remain isolated cases and instances. This is an important reminder that this is now close to home, please ensure that you practice social distancing, sanitize regularly, wear a mask if possible and follow the protocols from AHS to help prevent the spread. We are in this together and need to do our part to keep one another safe.

The Town of Bentley's response to these new measures includes the following Effective November 27, 2020:

- **Senior Drop-in is closed until further notice**
- **All programs running in the basement at the Town Hall are cancelled until further notice**
- **The Bentley Arena is closed**
- **The Town Office will be closing our internal door to the public, the exterior door will remain open and residents can still receive service through the door as there is a slot to exchange paperwork and the debit machine. (It is important to note that we have a small office with 3 staff and cannot risk getting ill)**

For information regarding COVID-19 please refer to the provincial website at: www.alberta.ca/coronavirus.

Sincerely,



Marc Fortais
Chief Administrative Officer