



NWT State of Emergency Notice – March 27, 2020

The NWT has declared a State of Emergency (SOE). What does this mean for Norman Wells?

The CERC Committee for the Town has been meeting regularly and communications are ongoing, sometimes by the hour.

As reported by the GNWT, there is not a significant change of circumstances or additional precautions, directives or recommendations being given at this time. The same is true for our community.

The declaration enables direct lines of communication with the GNWT for any such changes, directives or recommendations if needed. If our need and circumstances change significantly we can communicate the same to the GNWT Emergency Operations Center.

There are significant steps being undertaken outside of our community by the GNWT to protect us, as our biggest challenge is our remote location. Measures have been undertaken to maintain a high level of screening for all travelers. The SOE is legislated and there is a chain of command that is dictated by the Emergency Management Act. It is important that we know our place within that chain. This process will ensure the best protection possible for our residents, breaking the chain of command could work against us.

A reminder to all residents at this time our best protection will come from directives already stated to protect individuals and the community as a whole. Maintain social distancing, wash hands regularly, and do not travel unnecessarily.

Any new information pertinent to the protection and safety of our community will be readily communicated through this channel and others.

For further information visit www.normanwells.com or call the Town Office during our business hours of 8:30AM – 5:00PM. You may also email us at towninformation@normanwells.com.