



Community Update – August 25, 2021

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Chief Public Health Officer Issues Containment Order for Norman Wells:

The OCPHO has issued a local containment order for Norman Wells as of **August 25, 2021 @ 8am**. The Public Health Order is pursuant to s.29 of the Public Health Act and mandates containment measures for 10 days to prevent further COVID-19 transmission.

Effective today and continuing for 10 days, the following measures are in effect within Norman Wells:

- **No gatherings** at any time in homes or in public places. Exceptions include people caring for others in their homes or who provide regularly scheduled childcare.
- **No gathering outdoors** with anyone you do not live with.
- **Non-essential businesses and facilities must close** – including community centres and schools.
- **Essential businesses** and facilities shall remain open with no more than **10 persons** permitted in an indoor location at one time.
- Offices may remain open provided they have no more than 10 persons in an indoor location, and physical distance of 2 metres can be maintained.
- Daycares may remain open to the children of **essential workers only**.
- **All persons shall wear masks** in any public indoor spaces, unless otherwise approved by the Chief Public Health Officer.
- **All non-essential businesses** and facilities, including community and youth centres, and schools must close.

Under the containment order, essential businesses and facilities which may remain open are:

- grocery stores (curbside pick-up is encouraged)
- gas stations and convenience stores
- facilities offering health services, social support services, and childcare services (including home-based childcare). Daycares may remain open for the children of essential workers only.
- food banks
- greenhouses
- post offices
- banks
- liquor stores
- workplaces where persons are engaged in the provision of essential services including but not limited to, peace officers and others employed for the preservation and maintenance of the public peace, emergency responders, municipal enforcement officers, community government essential service workers, and territorial parks officers; and
- workplaces where persons are engaged in the construction of public and Indigenous infrastructure projects and the mineral and petroleum resources industry.

Essential businesses or facilities shall follow any further directions or orders of the Chief Public Health Officer as may be provided from time to time.

The Town office will be closed to the public at this time. Tax and utilities payments can be made by phone.

Anyone who has been exposed to COVID or has COVID symptoms who requires care or services should call in advance (867-587-3333). **Please do not show up at the health centre to request testing.** If you have symptoms of COVID-19 self-isolate at home and call ahead for testing. Anyone who is identified as a contact who needs testing will be contacted, everyone should review the exposure notices and follow the advice required whether that's masking, self-isolating, or getting tested.

For more information, please visit www.hss.gov.nt.ca, call 867-587-3700, or email towninformation@normanwells.com

