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Information Update Regarding COVID-19 Pandemic

(Prescott, ON) The Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) met virtually on Friday, February 12, 2021, to review and discuss new information updates including the provincewide shutdown and the stay-at-home order.

Beginning today, Tuesday, February 16, 2021, our zone will move into the Green-Prevent framework. This framework is where our area was prior to the shutdown that occurred on December 26, 2020. The new requirements added to the framework include:

1. Posting clear and visible signage at all business entrances, with detailed questions to facilitate passive screening of a patron;
2. Active symptom screening of employees; and
3. Preparation of a safety plan for organizations and businesses, and make it available upon request.

Town of Prescott facilities will begin to open to the public. In order to maintain a safe work environment for our employees, residents are reminded to wear a mask or face covering, to maintain 2 metres of separation, and to avoid engaging with municipal employees who continue to provide essential services in our community.

The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit has indicated that as the vaccinations become available, they continue to be administered to our long-term care facilities and high-risk retirement homes. The next group to be given vaccination priority will be the long-term care and healthcare workers deemed high-risk.

For more information about COVID-19 visit our local Health Unit website at www.healthunit.org.

We are all in this together. Stay Home. Save Lives.

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