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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Information Update Regarding COVID-19 Pandemic**

(Prescott) The Town of Prescott Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) met virtually today to review and discuss the sharp increase in people infected with COVID-19 over the past week in Leeds, Grenville & Lanark.

Today our public health region moved from “Green – Prevent” to “Yellow – Protect” under Province of Ontario’s “COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe & Open” plan.

It is imperative that area residents, businesses, and organizations carefully consider their actions at this critical time. With the holidays quickly approaching, it is particularly important for residents and businesses to ensure they are doing everything they can to reduce further the spread of COVID-19.

"Christmas is always a very special time, and it is again even this year during the COVID-19 pandemic that is still very much with us," said Mayor Brett Todd. "But we do have to remember that this is not an ordinary Christmas. The virus is on the rise again locally, with a significant number of community-transmitted cases in recent days that have pushed us into the Yellow category. So be mindful this holiday season. Think twice about gatherings with friends and family, as what we do this one Christmas will ensure that we are all here to celebrate together during the many Christmases to come."

Under the “Yellow – Protect” zone, strengthened public health measures will include enhanced targeted enforcement, fines, and enhanced education to limit further transmission. There are five zones of public health measures in the provincial framework; Prevent, Protect, Restrict, Control, and Lockdown. The measures under each zone are intended to limit transmission and sickness and prevent death while avoiding closures and enabling businesses and schools to sustain operations, while maintaining health care and public health system capacity. These measures are put in place to protect vulnerable populations. There are additional supports available, including financial tools for groups and sectors disproportionately affected by the pandemic.

Town of Prescott officials continue to remain diligent around internal policies and procedures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Contingency plans and precautions are in place to ensure all essential services will continue to be provided.

The Leeds, Grenville & Lanark (LGL) District Health Unit remind us that there are steps that everyone can take to help. Stay home if you have symptoms, even if they are mild. Limit trips outside the home that are non-essential. Wash your hands thoroughly and regularly, cover your cough, and download the COVID Alert mobile app.

Limit close contact to your household (the people you live with); individuals who live alone, including seniors, may consider having exclusive, close contact with another household to help reduce the negative impacts of social isolation.

Get tested if you have symptoms compatible with COVID-19, or if you've been advised of exposure by your local public health unit or through the COVID Alert mobile app. Testing is available daily in Brockville and Kemptville, and mobile 'pop-up' testing is available in Prescott at the Leo Boivin Community Centre every second Wednesday. The next date for this mobile testing is Wednesday, December 23 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and appointments can be booked online through the LGL Health Unit website.

Businesses and organizations must follow screening protocols, and have plans in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Face coverings, plexi-glass barriers, and physical distancing from others play an important role in reducing the risk of transmission.

Please visit the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit website <https://healthunit.org/health-information/covid-19/> for more information and updates.

We are all in this together.

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