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Town of Altona Responds to COVID-19

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The Town of Altona is relying on the guidance of healthcare professionals as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves. All Manitobans have a role to play in slowing the spread of the virus, and minimizing its impact on our health-care system and in communities. The provincial government has developed social distancing measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Manitoba.

As per Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living, strategies for all Manitobans include:

- minimizing prolonged (more than 10 minutes), close (less than two meters/ six feet) contact between other individuals in public,
- avoiding greetings that involve touching such as handshakes,
- disinfecting frequently used surfaces,
- following public health advice related to self-monitoring and self-isolation if you have travelled or have been exposed to someone ill with the virus, and
- considering avoiding travel, crowded places and events, especially if you are at higher risk (e.g. seniors and those with underlying medical conditions)

The Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living website is a great resource to find factual, clear information regarding COVID-19, and what you need to know in Manitoba. Please visit <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus/index.html>.

To support social distancing measures, the Town of Altona has announced the following closures:

- Effective immediately, there will be no public access to the Town of Altona Public Works Shop, Fire Hall, or the Millennium Exhibition Centre Walking Track, and Elks Playland.
- Effective Monday, March 16th 2020, all Town of Altona Recreation programs are suspended.
- Effective Monday, March 16th, 2020, the Millennium Exhibition Centre will be closed to the public. The ice-in season was originally scheduled to end on March 20th, but will now end effective March 16th, 2020.

The Town of Altona will be continually evaluating these measures, and will keep the community up to date on any further measures.

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