



March 15, 2020

## **UPDATE ON COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) FOR MEMBERTOU COMMUNITY AND EMPLOYEES**

We, your Membertou Council, are continuing to closely monitor the ongoing guidelines for COVID-19, which are being put in place by the World Health Organization, Health Canada and the province of Nova Scotia.

Today, with the announcement of three presumptive cases of COVID-19 in our province, Premier McNeil stated a series of new restrictions that we will be enforcing within our community. Please see below for the latest regulations and restrictions for Membertou:

- Membertou School, Daycare, and Youth Centre will be closed for two (2) weeks following March Break. This will be monitored and reassessed as necessary.
- As of end of shift on Sunday March 15, 2020, Membertou Gaming Commission operations will be suspended for an undetermined period of time.
- *Lanes at Membertou* will be closed as of end of shift on Sunday March 15, 2020.
- Any individual returning from outside of Canada to the community of Membertou, is required to self-isolate for a 14-day period.

### **Existing restrictions in Membertou, include:**

- Membertou Entertainment Centre and Membertou Sport and Wellness Centre will remain closed until reassessment on Monday March 16, 2020. More information will be released in the coming days.
- We encourage everyone to consider the importance of social distancing and protecting the health of our elders. Hand-washing and sanitizing is strongly encouraged to slow the spread of the virus. Let us be thoughtful neighbours and do our part to help one another.

We understand that closures within our businesses and schools affect our community members and employees' ability to access child care, as well as, financial considerations. Let me assure you that we will be working to ensure that through our Human Resources department and other services, we can meet the needs of those affected. A meeting will take place the morning of Monday March 16, 2020, to determine next steps on our remaining operations, with an announcement being made shortly after. We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work to make the most effective decisions for our community in this time of uncertainty.

Wela'lin,

Chief Terry Paul  
Membertou Council