

A Message from the Mayor

Dear Ponoka Residents,

As the number of active COVID-19 cases continues to rise across Alberta, I wanted to take a moment on behalf of Council to thank you for the efforts you have all been making to help limit the spread of this virus.

This pandemic has been continuing on for several months now and although we're all getting tired, I encourage you to please continue being vigilant. Please continue to follow Alberta Health Services (AHS) requirements and recommendations to keep yourselves and everyone around you safe.

The area encompassed within Ponoka County, including all municipalities in that area, has been placed under a 'watch' status by Alberta Health Services. This means the number of active COVID-19 cases in this area are above a certain threshold set by AHS. However, no additional measures have been put in place at this time.

Ponoka citizens are urged to continue practising physical distancing, frequent hand washing or sanitizing, wearing a mask in public when physical distancing is not possible, and to follow all other AHS recommendations and requirements. Town Council is not mandating masks in public due to the enforcement requirements that come with that, but we are strongly encouraging you to wear non-medical masks in public.

Please stay home if you're not feeling well, even if your symptoms are mild. Please follow Alberta's mandatory restrictions on gatherings and self-isolation requirements if you develop any COVID-19 symptoms or come into contact with a known or suspected COVID-19 case. For more information about how to keep yourself and others safe during this pandemic, please visit www.alberta.ca/covid19.

Again, please be vigilant, please stay safe and help keep everyone around you safe.

Sincerely,
Rick Bonnett, Mayor of Ponoka

