

Public Notice

COVID-19

Town of Truro Mayor Bill Mills released the following statement today on the Town's response to the evolving COVID-19 situation.

The Town of Truro understands and empathizes with the growing concerns surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19) around the globe and in our own community.

Based on the position of the Province of Nova Scotia, announced today by the Chief Medical Officer, the Town of Truro will take precautionary measures to prepare and respond to the increased likelihood of COVID-19 infections in Nova Scotia and the potential impacts on municipal operations and to our community.

Following directives of the Chief Medical Officer and the Province of Nova Scotia, a decision has been made to cancel or postpone the following programs and events, effective March 16th, 2020:

- All March break and free community drop in programs will be cancelled until further notice. This includes:
 - Indoor walking
 - Parent and Tot Open Gym
 - Pickleball
 - Skating
 - Open Gym Programs
 - Adult Basketball
 - Badminton
- All Douglas Street Recreation Centre Room Rentals and Gym Rentals are cancelled until further notice.
- All Colchester Legion Stadium Rentals are cancelled until further notice.
- The Town of Truro Art Acquisition Program will be postponed until a future date.
- The Town of Truro Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be postponed until a future date.

At this time, there are no other changes to Municipal operations and services. But our staff are ready in the event that changes need to be made.

We are asking all residents to make phone or online inquiries and payments whenever possible. This is a precautionary measure to attempt to limit public exposure in Town owned facilities.

Measures are being taken to ensure essential and emergency services will remain in place and be provided to the public.

There is a dedicated page on the Town of Truro website (www.truro.ca) to keep residents updated on our COVID-19 response. As the situation unfolds, this webpage will be updated.

Nova Scotia Health Authority has established COVID-19 assessment centres. If you need in-person assessment, please call 811 and they will refer you to a centre. Do not go to a COVID-19 assessment centre unless 811 has referred you.

Visit novascotia.ca/coronavirus/ for information about protecting yourself and others from the spread of COVID-19.

Follow any advice and recommendations from your personal health care provider and governing bodies such as [Public Health Agency of Canada](https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/coronavirus-covid-19/) regarding COVID-19.

Finally, the health and safety of our community is always our top priority. I want to ask everyone for their patience and understanding during this uncertain time.

Thank you,
Mayor Bill Mills
Town of Truro

Current Status

There are currently no reported cases of COVID-19 in Nova Scotia.

The Town of Truro is closely following the updates from provincial and federal government partners to prepare and respond to the increased likelihood of more COVID-19 infections in Canada.

Nova Scotia's health care system is actively monitoring and detecting potential cases of novel coronavirus.

Practicing good hygiene remains the best defense against illness. We need to ensure that we are all taking the necessary precautions as we normally would for a flu season. Residents are encouraged to not panic but to always have 72 hours of supplies in case of emergency.

Impact on Town Services

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What you can do

Pay close attention to your health and know when to seek advice.

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For More Information

- [NS Health and Wellness Novel Coronavirus website](https://www.nhsc.ns.ca/coronavirus/)
- [Public Health Agency of Canada – Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): Outbreak updates](https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/coronavirus-disease-2019.html)
- [Public Health Agency of Canada – Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): Awareness resource](https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/coronavirus-disease-2019.html)