



KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH RESIDENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

APRIL 12, 2021

Another new week, I hope everyone was able to find ways to keep their kids busy on the break last week.

As you have been hearing in the news, vaccines continue to roll out across the province and we are so pleased to have a clinic in our community at the North Ridge Centre. To date, more than 282,065 vaccines had been administered in Saskatchewan.

Currently, those aged 55 and over can book an appointment online or by phone. The online system at www.Saskatchewan.ca/COVID19 is 24 hours a day or you can call 1-833-SASKVAX (833-727-5829). The call centre is open 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., 7 days per week. Keep watching and listening for news around vaccines as they expand to additional age segments.

While vaccination numbers are strong, case numbers are also increasing, with high numbers of variant cases. It is crucial that we all continue to follow the public health guidelines to avoid unnecessary deaths and future lockdowns as is happening in other areas of province. Please wear your mask in all public places, follow the safe distance guidelines, stay home if you are feeling ill, and wash your hands often. Up to 10 people can gather indoors, but it should be the same 10 people.

If you feel any symptoms of COVID, please seek referral to a community testing centre by phoning the Healthline at 811 or your family physician, or visit the Drive-Thru testing site in Saskatoon, located at 3630 Thatcher Avenue. It is open weekdays from 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and weekends from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please visit www.saskatchewan.ca/COVID19 for more information on testing or to take the online self-assessment.

As of yesterday, there are 2,504 active cases of COVID-19 in Saskatchewan. There have been 36,305 cases and 33,347 of those have recovered, and 454 people have died from the virus.

Our City and Emergency Services continue to work with other municipalities and to share information from the Province to ensure the safety of our residents and staff.

A re-cap on City programs and services:

- All priority programs and services continue to be provided.
- The alternating water meter read/estimate schedule continues. With water usage typically higher in warmer months we encourage residents to keep accounts accurate and current by submitting your reading on your 'estimate' month.
- City Hall, Wheatland Regional Library, the MAP, the Sports Centre, Northridge Centre and Heritage Centre are all open with occupancy limits in place and safety guidelines being followed. The MAP is open but all drop-in programs and pick up games are cancelled.
- Water service will not be discontinued due to non-payment or overdue account status.

A reminder on support for businesses:

- Interest on property taxes and utilities for commercial or industrial properties retroactive from November 2020 is suspended until July 31st, 2021.

In closing, if you haven't already, you should be receiving your copy of our 2021 Martensville Community Guide in the mail soon. We hope you like the new format we have chosen for the guide. In addition to information on City programs and services, facilities, parks and events, we also included articles on key initiatives underway, and a complete business directory so that you can continue to support our local businesses and Love What's Local! Thank you the Martensville Messenger and all of our advertisers for supporting this project.

Finally, we will be releasing our 2020 Report to the Community and video in the coming days. I hope you take the time to have a look at what our amazing staff have been able to accomplish in such a challenging year. If you shared a photo with us over the past year, look closely, you may see it in the Report and the video! Thank you also to my fellow members of Council. We are all committed to managing our community and coming out of these COVID times stronger as a community. Have a great week everyone and stay safe!

Sincerely,
Mayor Kent Muench

LINKS TO IMPORTANT RESOURCES:

Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan
<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html>

Re-Open Saskatchewan:
<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../re-open-saskatchewan-plan>

Featured articles on mental health services available in Saskatchewan: www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media.

COVID-19 Self Assessment Tool and the most up-to-date information on the coronavirus:
www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus.

A reminder to sign up for online services available at the City of Martensville: www.Martensville.ca

Our City's webpage dedicated to information on the pandemic: www.martensville.ca/covid19.

City of Martensville social media links:
<https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Martensville-368636493247166>

Twitter: @Martensville
Business Task Force (City of Martensville, City of Warman, Prairie Sky Chamber of Commerce):
<https://www.prairieskychamber.ca/>