

TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL

MAY 2021

PROVINCIAL EMERGENCY & STAY AT HOME ORDER

The Ontario Government has declared a **THIRD** Provincial Emergency in response to COVID-19 Pandemic. In addition, effective Thursday April 8, 2021 they issued a **Stay At Home Order** requiring everyone to remain at home with exceptions for essential purposes. These enhanced public health and workplace safety measures are in effect for all of Ontario and has been extended until Thursday May 20, 2021. **This means you must stay home and only go out for necessities such as:**

- Getting food/groceries, beverages or medication
- Going for medical appointments or Vaccinations
- Supporting vulnerable community members
- Child Care
- Attending school or a post-secondary institution
- Getting exercise or walking pets
- Going to work, if you can't do it remotely & you are deemed essential

Stay home to the fullest extent possible. Indoor organized public events and social gatherings are only allowed with members of your household (the immediate people you live with). We have to protect our communities, and to stop the surge from overwhelming our local hospitals and frontline health care workers. This starts by continuing to follow public health measures carefully. As the situation evolves please be mindful that updates may occur with little warning.

Who is currently eligible to receive vaccines in Algoma? (as of May 3, 2021)

Although the Province has issued an accelerated vaccine booking eligibility schedule local appointment availability in Algoma is still dependent on vaccine supply in our region. As soon as higher priority and higher risk groups have had a reasonable opportunity to be immunized new eligible groups will be able to book an appointments within the coming weeks. You can book your appointment on line at <https://www.algomapublichealth.com/disease-and-illness/infectious-diseases/novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/vaccine-clinics-in-algoma/#clinics> or you can phone 705-541-2332. We highly recommend that you do this online because the phone lines are busy or go down often. **If you need assistance to book an appointment for your vaccine on-line please contact the municipal office at 705-248-2441 and we can assist you.**

NEW BOOKING PROCESS-Algoma Public Health will be staggering booking start dates based on age and priority population. Please do not book until you are eligible or your appointment may be cancelled. Eligible groups can book their appointments on dates outlined below:

Ages 70 and older-Monday May 3 onward
Priority Populations (see list on APH website): Tuesday May 4 onward
Ages 65-69 Wednesday May 5 onward
Ages 60-64-Thursday May 6 onward

Covid -19 Community Vaccine Hub being held at the GFL Memorial Gardens for the following dates: Friday May 7, Saturday May 8, Friday May 14, Saturday May 15, Friday May 21 and Saturday May 22

Please continue to check the APH website as this information is changing on a daily basis.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DURING THE STAY AT HOME ORDER

Municipal Government is deemed as an essential service. The Municipal Office remains closed to the public but operating internally. If you require service or have any questions phone 705-248-2441 or e-mail us at twpmacd@onlink.net. The Sportsplex has been closed for the season and the ice has been removed. Landfill will be open Regular Hours. Dog Tags, Fire Permits, Landfill Trailer Load Receipts, Softball and Soccer Registrations and Building Permit Applications can all be obtained by visiting our website at echobay.ca. If you want to print a building permit, fill it out and put it through the door slot at the municipal office or e-mail it to us we can process it.

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT/PROVINCIAL OFFENCES OFFICER

We would like to welcome Brant Coulter as our new By-law Enforcement/Provincial Offences Officer. He will be overseeing mainly our Dog By-law #15-1892 . If you have a dog complaint or inquiry you can contact Brant by e-mail @ bylawenforcement@ontera.net or you can still call the municipal office at 705-248-2441 during regular office hours 8:30-4:30 Monday to Friday and we will forward the message to Brant. You can also find this information on our website at echobay.ca. A thank you to Brant for taking on this position and assisting the township with enforcement of this by-law. We also would like to ask all dog owners to follow the rules in the by-law and do not let your dog run at large. You must have care and control over your pet at all times. If you have not gotten your dog license yet you can go to echobay.ca to purchase it. Your dog tag will be mailed to you. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.