



MESSAGE FROM REEVE KIDD

April 3rd, 2020



COVID-19—Update #11

Schools Will Remain Closed

Public schools will remain closed until Monday, May 4, 2020. As these dates come closer, the Province will be re-evaluated based on public health advice. They have noted that the closure may be extended if necessary to protect the health and safety of students, families and staff.

New Assessment Centre Open

A new COVID-19 Assessment Centre in Almonte is now open. This Centre is exclusively for the purpose of COVID-19 assessments you appointment only. No walk ins are permitted.

The Assessment Centre is located at the corner of Spring Street and State Street in the brick building behind the Almonte General Hospital Emergency Department and will be open from 12 to 8 pm.

Residents with mild to moderate symptoms should contact their primary care provider for a referral to the Assessment Centre. Those who do not have a primary care provider should call the Health Unit at 1-800-660-5853 ext. 2499 for a referral. Once a resident has been referred, the Assessment Centre will call to confirm the appointment time.

Essential Business List Updated

The Provincial Government is ordering all businesses not covered by the updated Emergency Order to close effective as of Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. This closure will be in effect for 14 days, with the possibility of an extension as the situation evolves.

The updated essential businesses list can be found [here](#).

Ontario Tele-Health COVID-19

Ontario Tele-Health has posted a self-assessment tool for COVID-19 to determine if you seek further care. Please follow this link to access the tool:

<https://www.ontario.ca/.../2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-se...>

The Township will continue to monitor the situation as it evolves and take direction from the Federal government, Provincial government and Health Unit. As always, we encourage all residents to be prudent and follow the directive from the Health Unit on how to protect themselves and their family: <https://healthunit.org/>

Sincerely
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