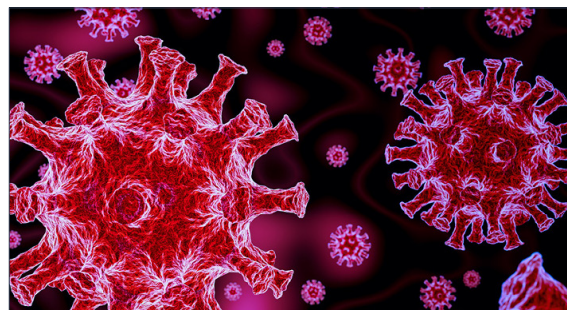




MAPLE RIDGE THIS MONTH

November 26, 2020

Let's Flatten the Curve



On Thursday, November 19, 2020, Dr. Henry issued new province wide Public Health Orders to flatten the curve on COVID-19 infections in our health region and around BC. Further clarification on the Orders were published on Monday, November 24, 2020. You can watch the briefing at news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0061-001955.

Dr. Henry had some important messages as part of that briefing. Here are her direct quotes:

"As we have seen, this virus doesn't pause when we are tired and doesn't wait for us to catch up. This means that right now, we all need

slow down our social interactions and increase our layers of protection to get over this next hurdle together. Over the next two weeks, we need to reduce the level of transmission in our province to relieve the stress on our health-care system and keep our schools and workplaces open.

"It is about putting our social gatherings with anyone outside of our immediate household on hold and only doing those things that are essential and safe right now. We're asking you to put the safety measures at the top of your list and focus on making a difference, rather than thinking about shortcuts or workarounds.

"We recognize you may have questions and we have provided further details of how the orders apply to our homes, workplaces and businesses, and where the exceptions may be. This information is available at: www.gov.bc.ca/covid19. Let's remember that by focusing on today and doing what we can to make a difference, we will see this pandemic through."

The second wave of COVID-19 is having impacts around the globe. The City of Maple Ridge continues to comply with direction provided by the PHO and WorkSafeBC, to ensure COVID safety plans are in place throughout the community. Let's work together locally to break the chains of transmission and flatten the curve from the second wave in BC.

Local Health Order Impacts



The City of Maple Ridge continues to support the BC Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic by implementing changes to our facilities and programs consistent with all Public Health Orders.

City Hall remains open to the public with access at the east entrance where guests sign in, complete the health screening and provided masks, if they do not have one.

Some of the new health Orders have impacted some of the fitness programs offered by Parks, Recreation & Culture. Details can be found online at mapleridge.ca/1449. Information is regularly updated and we continue to provide messages to the public using our social media channels to help you stay informed.

We are also currently evaluating the impacts of the new Public Health Orders on some of the Holiday and Christmas programming that is scheduled for the coming weeks. You will be able to find updates on the City website at mapleridge.ca and our Facebook page.

You may wish to bookmark the following sites for the latest information from the Province of BC and other regional health organizations:

BC Government COVID-19 information: www.gov.bc.ca/covid19 BC Centre for Disease Control: bccdc.ca Fraser Health: fraserhealth.ca

We thank citizens for their patience as we continuously adjust our business operations to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic guidelines.

Supporting Our Local Businesses

SHOP LOCAL!

Right from the start of the COVID-19 pandemic our local businesses, your friends and neighbours who own and work at these businesses, made sure we had the essential goods needed for our families. From groceries to hardware, prescriptions and great takeout food of all kinds, our local businesses have adapted to the pandemic with engineered solutions to keep their staff and customers safe.

Your Mayor and Council are asking you to support our local businesses as you plan for your holidays. This year the holidays are going to be different. We need to stay close to home and gather with our immediate family to help protect our elders, front line workers and health care workers. Part of staying close to home is including your local businesses when you're doing your holiday planning. Your local businesses are safe and close to home.

From gifts for your kids and family members to creating holiday feasts for your family, everything you need for the perfect holidays can be found here in our community. Make your list and check the websites of the Chamber of

commerce at ridgemeadowschamber.com and the Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association at downtownmapleridge.ca for some incredible special offers and contests. There are some treasures to be found right here in our home town. The Eight Annual "Win Your Wish!" contest starts on November 27, just in time for the launch of GLOW Maple Ridge.

We're all in this together. Thanks for shopping local and supporting your friends and neighbours.

HAPPENING IN DECEMBER

COUNCIL MEETINGS & AGENDAS

The City of Maple Ridge has adapted our business operations to the COVID-19 health emergency. We are maintaining the normal Council Meeting Schedule using digital tools so that our Mayor, Council members and staff are able to follow Dr. Henry's health recommendations to reduce the spread of COVID-19. All meetings are livestreamed and participation by the public is facilitated through virtual tools. In person participation is available for public hearings only at this time. Look for the details on how you can participate online at mapleridge.ca/640.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

- COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
1:30 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

- COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
11:00 AM
- COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM

COUNCIL WILL TAKE A BRIEF BREAK OVER THE HOLIDAYS AND BE BACK IN JANUARY. THE 2021 COUNCIL CALENDAR WILL BE POSTED AT [MAPLERIDGE.CA/2318](https://mapleridge.ca/2318) AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

(Please note that there will be breaks in the Business Planning Sessions and they may end early on Tuesday if Council has completed their review.)