

As we all know the world is being challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic

Currently there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Hamiota nor are there any in the Prairie Mountain Health Region. That suggests people are taking the matter seriously and following the critical actions that will protect you and those around you. Governments around the world are trying to stop the spread of this very dangerous virus and their biggest enemy is those who choose not to take this pandemic seriously. Let's work together to stay at zero.

Today no one can say for sure when this pandemic will end and as time passes there will be those who say this is a waste of time and the situation has been exaggerated. Just remember, what we are doing today is based on science and the advice of medical professionals. The COVID -19 pandemic will end when those same professionals say so, not because someone is tired of the inconvenience to them.

In response to COVID-19, Hamiota Municipality has activated its Emergency Response Team and has been implementing actions to maintain essential municipal services.

These actions include the following:

Closure to the public of all of our municipally owned facilities: Hamiota and District Sports Complex, Hamiota Centennial Library, Heritage Arts Centre, All Public Works Buildings and the Municipal Office.

The Municipal Landfill site will have regular access with reduced hours. See www.hamiota.com for updated hours.

Urban waste collection and recycling will continue as usual. Please remember that all household trash intended for pickup must be bagged and tied in an appropriate manner. Those wishing to drop off recycling should not enter the depot and place unsorted material in the pickup trailer that will be placed next to the depot.

Every resident can assist by taking the following critical actions:

- Keep informed through credible sources
- Cover your sneezes and coughs
- Wash your hands frequently
- Keep your hands away from your face
- Practice social distancing – stay at least 6 feet away from others and limit interaction to 10 minutes
- Do not engage in large gatherings
- If you are ill—stay away from others

If you follow the news you will know that things can change by the minute when dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and Hamiota Municipality will be reacting accordingly where it affects us. It is our commitment to make the required decisions quickly and communicate the information to the community on a regular basis.

In an effort to assist in the dissemination of information, Council has purchased the CodeRED alerting system. Please take a moment to sign up by clicking the CodeRED link on our website or by visiting <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/BFE6EC06237E>

We are understanding of, and grateful for all the sacrifices our community is making. Regardless of who you are, we all have a role to play and by working together we can have a meaningful impact on minimizing the effects of this global emergency.

Mayor & Council
Hamiota Municipality

Additional Resources

Government of Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

Government of Manitoba: www.manitoba.ca/covid19 or call: Inquiry line 1-866-626-4862

To help your neighbours: www.helpnextdoormb.ca

Health Links/Info Sante: 1-888-315-9257 www.mb.211.ca

Ag industry support: <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/23/prime-minister-announces-support-farmers-and-agri-food-businesses>

Frequently asked Questions - Government of Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/covid-19-update/frequently-asked-questions-wage-subsidy-small-businesses.html>

Know the difference: Self-monitoring, self-isolation, and isolation for COVID-19 - Canada.ca <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/self-monitoring-self-isolation-isolation-for-covid-19.html>

Hamiota District Health Centre news:

Birch Lodge Personal care is closed to all visitors

Hospital acute care is closed to visitors with the exception of Palliative Care

Clinic appointments are encouraged to phone first 204-764-4218

Operation of Businesses in Hamiota COVID-19

March 25, 2020

Businesses have sent information regarding how their business is operating and the decisions that they have made. As of March 20th-25th the following has been sent; please understand things change on a daily basis and we will try to keep you updated as best as we can. Take Care.

Alliance Accounting T: 204-764-2544

As of right now we are working, our front door is open but we are asking people to leave information in the vestibule or use the drop box on the outside of the building. We are calling clients when needed to make pick up arrangements.

Hamiota Co-op T: 204-764-2606

Effective March 31 we are only open until 6 pm.- we will not be open later on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Sunday hours still in effect. Monday to Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays 12 p.m. -5 p.m. Delivery Days - Tuesdays and Fridays.

J and D Chinese Restaurant T: 204-764- 2955

Providing take-out only at this time, open every day but Tuesday.

Fusion Credit Union T: 204.764.6239

Our hours at Fusion Credit Union are Mon-Thu 9:00-4:00 and Fri 9:00-5:00. We have decided to close the branch between 11am - 12pm daily to cover lunch breaks. We are practicing social and physical distancing, and we are limiting the number of members in the branch at any one time. We offer many contact-free services and we're confident that we have a solution for your banking needs. Effective immediately we have waived the fees on e-transfers (until the end of April), our ATM at the branch is ding-free (which means free for credit union members), and we don't charge any fees to provide service over the phone with one of our knowledgeable and friendly staff members. Our website is continually updated along with our social media, and we're also pleased to offer the Fusion Relief Program to our members, with full details available online at www.fusioncu.com. We are flexible to meet the needs of our members while adhering to the expert recommendations from our provincial and federal government - please keep an eye on our website for further updates. Stay safe and healthy everyone!

greg.facey@fusioncu.com

RBC T: 204-764-6266 Jennifer Slobodesky Email: jennifer.slobodesky@rbc.com

To protect the health and well-being of our clients and staff we have temporarily closed the RBC Hamiota branch effective March 23 2020 at 3:00pm. We understand that during this time of uncertainty you may want to take necessary precautions to stay safe; therefore if your inquiry is regarding your day to day banking such as bill payments, transfer of funds, or cheque deposits please use RBC Online Banking or the RBC Mobile App. RBC is pleased to offer telephone appointments should you prefer. To book an appointment please log into your online banking and book myself or one of my colleagues directly. For right now we do have the Shoal Lake branch also available to help with any of your banking needs. You can also reach me by email anytime at Jennifer.slobodesky@RBC.com or to leave me a voicemail call 204 764 6266. Thank you so much for your understanding at such a difficult time.

Andrew Agencies – T: 204-764-2696

Please contact the office prior to attending and we will assist you over the phone or set up an appointment depending on your requirements.

Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm; no unannounced walk ins.

PHONE 204-764-2696

Toll-free: 1-800-799-8010

Email: kerrwilson@andrewagencies.com

McNeill Harasymchuk McConnell Law Office T: 204-748-1220

I will not be attending Hamiota during this time as Alliance Accounting has gone to a phone and email system only for communication with clients.

Clients can call my Virden office or email me to discuss their matters.

If we are able to do things by electronic means or phone we will.

In person appointments will be determined on a case by case basis.

Jeff McConnell

jeffmcconnell@mhmlaw.ca

Highway 21 Truck and Trailer

As of now our hours remain the same.

221 Elm St Email: highway21@mail.com

Country Crocus Bakeshop T: 204-764-2147

So far the bakeshop has normal hours. We encourage customers to distance themselves from staff and other customers. We have moved all product behind the counter and staff will serve. We offer free delivery with a no contact option of credit card payment over the phone. The deliveries happen within town limits Tuesday to Friday, 1-3pm. We also encourage people to call from their vehicles for curbside delivery (credit card payment over the phone). All surfaces touched are wiped down with disinfectant when the customer exits. As long as we can stay healthy we will keep operating so people have great bread, buns, and goodies to get them through.

Campbell Flowers & Gifts Campbell Funeral Home T: 204-764-2744

Campbell Flowers & Gifts has been open regular hours with restrictions to people not feeling well or those who have travelled internationally and/or to Winnipeg. It has been very quiet this week at the flower shop but we remain available for retail shopping. We are considering availability by phone only next week but as of this time not certain.

The funeral home has always been and will continue to be available 24/7. Should the need arise however, services may need to be delayed or of a different nature for now as we have to abide by Provincial and Federal Guidelines on Crowds and Social Distancing. Hope this helps.

Dwayne

Classic Country Hair Salon T: 204-764-2755 - Closed until further notice.

Countryside Studio and Gym - Closed until further notice.

Hamiota Feedlot T: 204-764-2449

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and precautions set out by the Canadian and Manitoba governments and health care leaders, we would like to announce the following changes to our day-to-day operations.

Since the Feedlot is classified as an essential service, we are to remain open with the staff we have and are taking the following precautions to keep them safe and healthy.

As of yesterday, rather than in-person meetings with clients or vendors, meetings will be conducted via phone or video conferencing. Please contact the office to set up any meetings.

The only outside visitors to our location should be commodities drivers, brand inspectors, water delivery and pest control. All other outside visitors, including client visits, will be pre-vetted on a case-by-case basis.

When visiting our site, outside visitors' interactions with staff should be kept to a minimum and limited to the areas associated with their visit. Any pens used and surfaces touched, will be wiped down after use. We strongly recommend anyone who is visiting our facilities to use their own supplies (pens, etc.). If you need supplies from a non-public area, please ask the office staff for help. Do not enter those areas yourself.

We will have hand washing available in the office and facial tissue and hand sanitizer at the front desk.

During this difficult time, we want to be able to keep our staff healthy so we can look after the cattle in our care. Please follow these new rules to help us. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions to get us through this uncertain time, please contact the office directly.

We wish you and yours the best in the days ahead. Thank-you for your understanding, patience and co-operation.

TJ's Convenience Store & TJ's Auto Service Convenience- T: 204-764-2666 Auto- T: 204-764-2855

TJ's Convenience Store & Carwash is changing hours of operation

Monday to Friday 6 am to 8 pm

Saturday 8 am to 8 pm (watch for self serve signs)

Sunday 9 am to 7pm (self Serve)

For emergencies call Tim 204-365-7539 I will be happy to go down after hours.

TJ's Auto Service

Open same hours ...

Heritage Arts Centre midwestartscentre@gmail.com

Heritage Arts Centre is closed to the public until further notice. Emails will still be responded to during regular office hours.

Hamiota Municipal Office T: 204-764-3050

Office and ALL Public Facilities will be CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC as of March 19th at 4:30 PM until further notice. Phone lines and email will be monitored by staff. Service requests can be submitted through our website: www.hamiota.com

Following Options for making payments:

Online banking- Go through your financial institution's website.

E-transfer – Emailed to acao@hamiota.com please include your roll number, account number or description of payment in the memo field to ensure payment is applied to the correct account.

Mail - Box 100, Hamiota, MB R0M 0T0 Cheques can be made to Hamiota Municipality.

Knight Seeds T: 204-764-2450

Due to the rapidly evolving COVID – 19 virus, Knight Seeds is changing some of our procedures in order to comply with the suggested health safety measures. We too want to remain healthy in order to keep our business up and running for you.

We hope that by creating some new procedures, and working together we can continue to assist you through this sensitive time. Social Distancing is deliberately increasing the physical space between people to avoid spreading illness.

FIRST OFF: We ask that you call prior to coming with a delivery or for pick up to ensure we have bins ready and to minimize wait times and line ups. 204-764-2450

When Arriving:

*Please stay in your truck or keep a 6ft distance from our staff and we shall do the same

* avoid shaking hands with us

*Our washroom will be accessible, however we ask you please use the disinfecting wipes provided to wipe taps and doorknobs on your way out

Ordering Seed:

*Our website is current with varieties and specs

*Please call in your order, with amounts required and any treatment requests

*Arrange a pick up date; then a time on that date

Healthy Suggestions for You:

*keeping a case of Lysol wipes in your truck for your steering wheel, door handles and gear shift.

Here at Knight Seeds, we are going to ensure your seeding needs are met for the up-coming spring season.

Office Hours -8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Monday to Friday

Rawlings Home Hardware T: 204-764-2884

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Customer and Staff health and wellbeing is very important to us and therefore we are implementing a number of changes in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We will frequently be disinfecting high traffic areas following Health Canada guidelines and Home Hardware recommendations. We will be directing staff to wash their hands with soap and water often. And we will have hand sanitizer at the check-out for customers to use to help prevent the spread of the virus.

During the pandemic, we will be offering daily Home Delivery Service within the Town of Hamiota as well as curbside pickup. If you would like to use either of these services, please call us at 204-764-2884 with your Credit Card number to place your order and let us know if you would like to pick up your order or have us deliver it.

Dave

Hamiota Super Thrifty Pharmacy T: 204-764-2140

To sum up our position:

- we will limit the amount of people in store from 5-7 depending on kids/spouse etc.

- Monday to Friday - normal hours

- no lottery allowed in pharmacies

- blood pressure machine is disabled

- Saturday - will likely be closed but pending college approval

- we prefer phone orders for curbside pick up or delivery over all else

- tap cards or phone in credit card numbers - we may ban cash/cheque because we have had three people LICK THEIR FINGERS before flipping through their bills today.

- non-essential shopping (if not accompanied by medicine) may be asked to leave and await delivery if space is needed in store.

- no reusable bags

- no personal items are to be placed onto counter surfaces.

Kyle Skayman B. Sc. Pharm

Villages United Early Learning Centre T: 204-764- 2704

Closed until further notice.

Hamiota Healing Whole Body Wellness Centre T: 204-764-2050

Harvest Chiropractic hours remain the same: Tues 9-5

Massage therapy closed effective March 18- April 1

(However could be longer)

Dynamic physiotherapy Closed March 18-April6

(Could be longer)

Reflexology closed March 18- April 1

(Could be longer)