



# Town of La Ronge

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## PRESS RELEASE #1 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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As you are likely aware, the COVID-19 (coronavirus) is affecting individuals, families, communities and businesses in Canada, and around the world.

The Town of La Ronge has been closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation, and wishes to assure the public that protecting our community, our residents, as well as our employees is our utmost priority.

Our Senior Management Team is working closely with local Saskatchewan Health Authority officials and at this time, we believe that the Town is operationally prepared to respond to this developing situation. The Town is taking all necessary measures within our control to reasonably ensure that proper safety precautions are followed to help contain the virus and reduce the impact a pandemic could have on our existing health care facilities.

Effective immediately, the Town of La Ronge has implemented the following measures:

- Public access to the Town office has been suspended until further notice;
- All Town initiated recreational programming has been suspended until further notice;
- Enhanced COVID-19 security screening measures have been implemented by the air carriers and Nav Canada at Barber Field Airport;
- Public access to the Mel Hegland Uniplex, Public Works shop, Fire Station are suspended until further notice;
- All fire inspections and re-inspections are suspended until further notice;
- The Mel Hegland Uniplex, curling arenas and Town office have been sanitized and this will continue as required;
- Encouraging staff to set up customer or user group contact via email, phone or other non-personal contact versus in-person meetings;
- Placing signage at our public buildings reminding individuals to follow proper hand washing procedures;

- Encouraging our employees to stay home if they are unwell and not attend work until they are symptom free; and
- Firefighters are to take additional protective measures, when assisting individuals in emergency situations.

Residents and Businesses Owners are encouraged to consider the following measures:

- Conducting business with the Town via email or phone;
- Make payments to the Town via electronic methods (online banking or e-transfers); and
- Support and adhere to directives as provided by Saskatchewan Health and to visit their self-assessment web site at [www.saskatchewan.ca](http://www.saskatchewan.ca).

At this time, our goal is to provide municipal services in the least disruptive manner to best serve our residents, business community and employees, and as such, operations such as snow removal, garbage pick-up and fire services, will continue as usual for the time being.

Recognizing this is a rapidly evolving situation, the Town will be issuing a press release every Thursday morning by 9:00a.m on our website to either provide municipal updates to our services, or as a partner with the Saskatchewan Health Authority in communicating more specific information as required. Information will also be shared through our FaceBook page (TownLaRonge).

Council encourages all residents to stay informed by accessing the Saskatchewan Health Authority's website for the latest information about COVID-19 and follow their recommendations in order to prevent transmission of the virus in the community.

For further general information on this matter, please contact Ms. Allyson Richards, Executive Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer by phone at (306) 425-2066 or via email at [executiveassistant@laronge.ca](mailto:executiveassistant@laronge.ca)