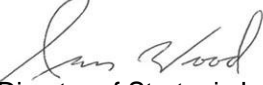





Report Title
COVID 19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Resolution		Relationship to the Strategic Plan/Health Impact Assessment	
For Information Only		<p>This report is informed by all of the Strategic Objectives outlined in the City of Greater Sudbury Strategic Plan 2019-2027, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset Management and Service Excellence • Business Attraction, Development and Retention • Climate Change • Economic Capacity and Investment Readiness • Housing • Create a Healthier Community • Strengthen Community Vibrancy 	
	Resolution Continued		Background Attached

Report Summary	Financial Implications
<p>This report is the nineteenth Council Update on the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency and builds on the information provided in the previous reports on the April 7, May 5, May 19, June 9, June 23, July 7, August 12, September 8, September 22 and October 6, October 20, November 10, November 24, December 15, January 12, January 26th, February 9 and February 23 Council Agendas.</p>	<p>There are no financial implications for this report.</p>

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A: INTRODUCTION

Over the past two weeks, 235 new cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the Public Health Sudbury and Districts region. This represents almost 30% of the total cases identified in our region since the beginning of the pandemic, in just 14 days. The vast majority of these cases are within the City of Greater Sudbury and more than 50 of these have screened positive as potential variants of concern.

As a result of these negative trends, the province has placed our region into the Red (Control) level of the Ontario COVID-19 Response Framework, effective Monday March 8. In addition to the provincial restrictions at the Red (Control) level, Dr. Sutcliffe has issued a “Letter of Instruction” to owners and operators of food premises with dining facilities and another to owners and operators of recreation facilities. These letters provide enhanced procedures which must be followed in our region.

As described below, the City of Greater Sudbury has also implemented measures beyond the provincial Red (Control) level requirements for several municipal services. These enhanced measures will remain in effect until the province moves Greater Sudbury back to the Orange (Restrict) level or higher.

It is hoped that the current measures, combined with increased vigilance and strict adherence to public health protocols by local residents, will result in a return to level of less restrictions and reduced incidence of viral spread.

B: CURRENT STATUS OF CGS SERVICES

In consultation with Public Health Sudbury & Districts and with advice from the Executive Leadership Team, Mayor Bigger approved additional closures of municipal services and facilities, over and above provincial Red – Control restrictions, to help reduce opportunities for virus transmission in the community. Staff in the closed service areas will be redeployed wherever possible, including to support Public Health community vaccinations.

As of Monday March 8, the following closures and measures are in effect for municipal facilities. These will remain in place until the Province moves Greater Sudbury into an Orange – Restrict or less restrictive category of the COVID-19 response framework.

- All indoor municipal recreation facilities are closed, including pools, arenas and fitness centres
 - Residents who have registered for programs or have booked ice time will be contacted directly to discuss refunds and other details.
- Outdoor neighbourhood rinks are open, with limited capacity. Queen’s Athletic Skating Oval and the Ramsey Lake Skating Path are open, but hours of operation may change without notice due to fluctuations in temperatures.
- Field houses remain closed. Residents should be prepared to change in and out of skates outside. Benches are available for use at these locations.
- Dog parks are open.
- Other parks, playgrounds and open spaces are open for pass-through purposes but cannot be used for team games or sports. Adanac and Lively Ski Hills remain open with operations adapted in response to COVID-19.
 - Patrons must book their tickets before arriving at the hill, as day tickets will not be

available onsite. The chalet is available for washroom use only.

- All Libraries and Citizen Service Centres will remain open for contactless curbside pickup.
 - Residents who require Citizen Service Centre services can contact the facility directly to discuss options, as many services are available online or via telephone.
- Tom Davies Square will remain available by appointment only. Residents should contact 311 by phone or Live Web Chat (311.greatersudbury.ca) to make an appointment or discuss alternate service.
- The Homelessness Network Day Centre, located at 199 Larch St., is unaffected by these service changes.
- The household hazardous waste drop-off day scheduled for Saturday, March 13 has been cancelled. The Toxic Taxi will continue to operate for home collection of residential household hazardous waste.
- The service counter at the Recycling Centre will be closed and the sale of Big Blues, kitchen collectors and backyard composters will be temporarily suspended. Blue boxes and green carts can be ordered for home delivery via the Waste Wise app, online at www.greatersudbury.ca/wastewise or by calling 311.
- Landfill sites remain open with only four to six vehicles will be permitted onsite at a time at all sites. Residents should be prepared for longer than usual wait times.
- GOVA Transit will continue to serve the community with current levels of service and enhanced safety measures in place.
 - The GOVA downtown Transit Hub waiting area is open to the public with a maximum capacity of 25 people.

C: SUPPORT FOR VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

City of Greater Sudbury personnel continue to assist public health with booking of vaccine appointments through a call centre that has been established at the Lionel E Lalonde Centre. Municipal workers have also assisted with the set up and operation of the mass vaccination clinic at Carmichael Arena. Public Health Sudbury and Districts remains as the lead agency for this effort with CGS providing support in terms of logistics and communications. Several thousand vaccinations of eligible citizens have already taken place at the Carmichael site.

D. NEXT STEPS

As a larger community vaccination effort is now anticipated within weeks, staff continue to work closely with Dr. Sutcliffe and her team to determine how the CGS can best support this initiative and ensure that, once they become available, doses of vaccine are provided as quickly and efficiently as possible. This is a top priority for our community and our municipal corporation and, as indicated above, we will divert resources as required to ensure its success. Staff will report regularly on these efforts and the impact that this work may have on other municipal services

Staff will provide a further update at the meeting of Council on March 23, 2021.

E: REFERENCES

Links to all updates between April 7 and November 24, 2020 can be found in the December 15 report:

COVID-19 Update, Report to Council December 15, 2020,
<https://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&attachment=33878.pdf>

COVID-19 Update, Report to Council January 12, 2021,
<https://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&attachment=34038.pdf>

COVID-19 Update, Report to Council January 26, 2021,
<https://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&attachment=34176.pdf>

COVID-19 Update, Report to Council February 9, 2021
<https://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&attachment=34252.pdf>

COVID-19 Update, Report to Council February 23, 2021
<https://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&attachment=34341.pdf>