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**Stage 2 Update**

**Arnprior, ON.** As per the Eastern Region Medical Officers of Health Announcement on July 6, the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) has released a local directive requiring masks or face coverings be worn in enclosed public spaces. The directive comes into effect on **Tuesday, July 14th**. This directive includes any public indoor Town facility. The facilities that are currently open and require a mask for entry include: Town Hall, the Arnprior and District Museum, and park washroom facilities.

For the purpose of this directive, a mask is defined as a cloth (non-medical) mask, medical mask or other face coverings (e.g. a bandana, scarf or cloth), that securely covers the nose, mouth and chin and is in contact with the surrounding face without gapping. For information on accessing a mask/face covering visit the [RCDHU website](#).

People who are exempt from wearing a mask or face covering include:

- Children under two years of age, or children under the age of five years either chronologically or developmentally who refuse to wear a mask or face covering and cannot be persuaded to do so by their caregiver;
- Individuals with medical conditions rendering them unable to safely wear a mask, including breathing difficulties or cognitive difficulties; and
- Anyone who is unable to remove the mask without help or anyone who is unconscious or incapacitated.

With the reopening of businesses and public settings in our communities, there is an increased risk of a rapid rise in COVID-19 infections and outbreaks as people expand their contacts. Masks or face coverings provide a non-invasive, inexpensive way to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and serve as a visual reminder to others to remain vigilant and stay physically distant from others.

As part of the stage 2 re-openings, we are happy to advise that the Arnprior and District Museum will be opening this Saturday, July 11th, 2020. The Museum will be open Thursday – Sunday, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm by appointment only with COVID-19 restrictions.

The visiting exhibit, Unmasking Influenza, is still on display and worth a visit before it packs up and leaves. The first and second floor are both open with some additions to our regular exhibits!

The Museum's summer children's program will be running through a "camp in a box" format. Through a curbside pick-up, participants will be able to pick up the weekly camp in a box including crafts, games and puzzles and will be led by our children's program

coordinator on-line to follow along. Keep an eye on our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) for more information on this program.

As per the Renfrew County Health Unit's recommendations residents must follow these restrictions at the Museum:

- An appointment must be made in advance of your visit. To book your appointment, please contact the museum by email [jcarlile@arnprior.ca](mailto:jcarlile@arnprior.ca) or phone 613-623-4902.
- Appointments can be made for groups of up to 8 people.
- Please use the rear ramp access from the back parking lot to enter the Museum.
- Visitors are required to wear a mask during their visit..
- Visitors are asked to maintain physical distance from anyone not in their social circle.

Please monitor the Town's website, app and social media for future notices on the re-opening other municipal facilities and programming.

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