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**Remain Vigilant During the Provincewide Shutdown**

COVID fatigue is a growing concern as we head into Easter weekend with the rising cases across Renfrew County, the confirmation of the UK variant in the County and the Province moving into an “Emergency Brake” Shutdown. As the Premiere said in today’s press conference, restrictions alone won’t stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community, it is up to us as individuals to follow the health measures. Our residents have the power to keep our case numbers low and have our community return to the Green Zone. The Town urges you to follow the Provincial restrictions and to celebrate Easter inside your home with members of your household only this weekend. Returning to the Green Zone is imperative for our local businesses and economy. This is within our power and we need to do those things that are necessary to keep our community safe.

With the new restrictions in place and to assist with reducing the spread in our community, Town Hall will be open, by appointment only, Monday to Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Appointments can be made by contacting staff at 613-623-4231 or by email. A reminder that Town Hall is closed Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> for the Easter Holidays.

The Nick Smith Centre and Arnprior and District Museum are closed to the public during the shutdown. The landfill remains open however vouchers can be purchased at Town Hall by appointment only. Residents did receive a free landfill voucher in their January tax bill and most leaf and yard waste does not require a landfill voucher.

The new variants are faster spreading, more harmful, effect younger people and have a higher risk of recipients ending up in the ICU or passing away. It is important that everyone do their part to stay home if they are sick, avoid contact with people who are ill, practice physical distancing (2 metres), wear a mask/face covering when physical distancing cannot be maintained, wash their hands, use the COVID Alert App, get a vaccine when they are eligible and complete the COVID-19 self-assessment tool or COVID-19 school and child care self-assessment tool daily if you go to work, school or daycare, to monitor for symptoms and proper guidance.

RCDHU wants to remind residents that the Section 22 order for Self-Isolation requires all residents of RCD, to immediately begin self-isolation if they:

- are a confirmed case or probable case of COVID-19;
- have signs and symptoms of COVID-19, have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting the results of their test;
- believe they now have one or more symptoms (even mild symptoms) of COVID-19; or

- are a close contact of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 or are a close contact of a person identified as a probable case of COVID-19.

The Town of Arnprior Council and staff are working closely with the Renfrew County Health Unit and community partners to monitor the COVID-19 virus (coronavirus) and respond appropriately. For the most up-to-date COVID-19 information and news, please visit the Ontario Ministry of Health website [here](#).

Please monitor the Town's website, social media and the Town app for further updates and important communications. For all other COVID-19 related links and resources for both residents and businesses, please visit the Town's COVID-19 webpage [www.arnprior.ca/covid](http://www.arnprior.ca/covid).

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