

Hi everyone,

With spring weather finally upon us, we northerners can finally start trading in our jackets for t-shirts and boots for flip flops! As summer finally arrives, I truly do encourage everyone to get out and enjoy the weather but I caution everyone that our fight against COVID-19 is not over yet.

When you're outside, continue to be mindful of social distancing measures and wash your hands thoroughly as often as possible.

Presently, we are in the midst of phase 1 in Manitoba's gradual approach to re-opening the economy. While some businesses have begun to re-open, others must remain closed or work under modified operations. Regardless of what phase we are in, each business has had to implement a series of precautions to cooperate with provincial social distancing guidelines. These precautions will most likely remain in place for the foreseeable future to prevent a resurgence and I will continue to advise everyone to respect the measures in place. Because we are in a good situation here in Flin Flon doesn't mean we should be any less cautious than anywhere else in the province, or even the country for that matter.

To finish things off I'd like to discuss the topic of social media and credible news sources. When your browsing through Facebook or Twitter, be very cautious of the articles you read. Unfortunately, at a time where most of us come together to support each other, there are also others who take advantage and prey on peoples fear by publishing misleading or outright false information either to push an agenda or for their own personal enjoyment. If you happen to come across one of these articles, be sure to do additional research before believing what you see. Always ask yourself, is this a trustworthy source? Have I seen the same information through another source? Does this seem too good or too bad to be true? Accurate information can always be obtained directly from the source or from our own local media, CFAR or the Reminder, here in Flin Flon.

In closing, I'd like to finish off with something completely different but every bit as important. Flin Flon is our home and by default our "house". To everyone that is leading or participating in what started out as Mother's Day for Mother Earth and the spring cleaning of our "house", you are making a positive difference and you have my sincerest thanks.

Have a great long weekend.

Stay safe, stay healthy and stay strong Flin Flon