

Hi everyone,

Well, we've made it to December, and while this is the last month of 2020 it seems our ongoing battle with COVID-19 is still far from over. With this in mind, I'm sure many of you are curious or concerned as to how your holidays will play out this year. Unfortunately, with our most recent spike in cases along with our provincial response now at a critical level it seems that sacrifices to holiday traditions will need to be made this year.

As of right now, indoor is limited to your immediate household and outdoor gatherings limited to 5 people. There are no exceptions for holiday celebrations at this time. I know it's tough but please, for this year and for the health and safety of our community keep your family gatherings extremely small. The more thoroughly we follow these rules this year, the quicker we will be able to curb this virus again so we can go back to our regular holidays in 2021.

Yes, gatherings must remain small this year, but that certainly doesn't mean there aren't alternative ways to connect with family. Why not try calling relatives this year, or perhaps have a socially distanced Christmas dinner over Zoom? I'm sure you must be saying to yourself "its just not the same" and while you maybe right, take this year as an opportunity to remind yourselves what matters most this Christmas is having the opportunity to connect with your loved ones through any means possible.

Our Recreation Department has also worked tirelessly to provide socially distanced activities for your family this year that you can do at home which I encourage you to check out on our Facebook page.

Even though this may be one of the strangest Christmas's most of us have ever experienced, I would encourage everyone to focus the huge amount of Christmas Spirit that our community always generates on being caring, patient, innovative and safe.

The best gift we can give each other this year is the health and prosperity of our community so please, be respectful of the guidelines in place during this holiday season. Let's reap the benefits of being nice and avoid the repercussions of being naughty.

Stay safe and stay healthy Flin Flon