

Hi everyone,

I'm going to start a little differently this week because I've got a bone to pick. The majority of Flin Flon residents work towards a safe, clean and green community. It is such a crime when something important to the community and area is marred by petty vandalism. It costs the taxpayers of the community and it taints how the community is seen by others. Several fairly recent incidents come to mind: The desecration of the columbarium in our cemetery, Flinty's graffiti at the museum and most recently the continuing damage to the boardwalk. I can't imagine how tough you must be defacing a local icon or destroying property paid for by your community. What kind of person does these kinds of things? If you're the one reading this, be aware the community is watching and karma will catch up to you! There is an absolute zero tolerance for such sad behavior in Flin Flon and I certainly hope I won't have to make this any clearer going forward.

Now back to the pandemic and our current situation.

As you may already know, COVID-19 cases have begun to make a resurgence in Manitoba. This continues to show that a significant outbreak in the north is still a possibility. We certainly want to avoid another closure of the north so, at times like this, it is imperative that communities such as ours come together with one common goal. Right now, we all need to do our part in keeping Flin Flon and area COVID-19 free by collectively practicing preventative measures.

You've heard it a million times, and that's because it's true "wash your hands, cover your cough, stay 6 feet apart in public spaces". These are the 3 best preventative measures, universally agreed upon by healthcare professionals, to prevent the spread of this virus. As well, when you are asked or required to wear a mask, please do. Protesting mask wearing or any covid-19 precautions that businesses or the government may put in place only further complicates the preventative action we as a community have been taking for months now. Remember to limit social gatherings. I think it's safe to say there won't be any major parties happening for the rest of the year.

With this risk still on the horizon, it's quite easy to become scared and in some cases even COVID paranoid. We all need to remember to look out for and respect one another, even while we remain physically apart. Never believe the rumor mill (especially on social media) and before you say or do anything to someone, ask yourself how you would feel if that was directed at you.

Fall is in the air so let's make sure we take advantage of the nice weather remaining in a COVID friendly way.

Enjoy the weekend and stay safe, stay strong and stay healthy Flin Flon.