



Press Release

For Immediate Release: Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's Monitoring COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Situation**  
*Ongoing Updates to be Posted on Town Website as they Become Available*

The Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's (PCSP) is closely monitoring the ongoing COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation in order to support and manage the risk for residents in our community. Public updates will be provided based on information and guidance from Eastern Health, the Provincial Department of Health and Community Services, and the Public Health Agency of Canada.

As we focus on protecting our residents, employees, and essential services, the Town is evaluating our policies, programs and procedures and will work closely with our public health officials. Any changes to services or programming in Portugal Cove-St. Philip's will be posted on social media and our website at: [www.pcsp.ca/covid19](http://www.pcsp.ca/covid19)

At this time, the only disruption to our regular services and programs is the cancellation of our Seniors St. Patrick's Day Celebration, which was originally scheduled to take place on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Unfortunately, due to the size of the audience for this event and risk to a vulnerable population for COVID-19 (Coronavirus), this event will be postponed and rescheduled for a later date.

To help prevent the spread of this disease and for the safety of all, residents are reminded to wash hands often and for a duration of 20-30 seconds, regularly clean frequently touched surfaces with disinfectant household cleaners, avoid contact with people who are sick, practice proper cough and sneeze etiquette (cover your mouth and nose with your arm when coughing and sneezing and immediately dispose of used tissues in the trash), use hand sanitizer, and refrain from touching your eyes, nose, and face area.

We thank all residents for their cooperation and understanding at this time. If you are feeling ill, avoid contact with others and call the NL Healthline at 811 for instructions. For further information on the impact on Canadians, please visit: <https://www.canada.ca/coronavirus>

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