

WILLOW BUNCH APRIL 2020 TOWN NEWS

COVID-19 UPDATES

The Willow Bunch Municipal Offices and Town/RM Shops are CLOSED to the public. We are still conducting business but will remain closed to the public until further notice.

Payments can be mailed, placed in the drop-box outside of the office, and we also accept e-transfers.

We can be reached at 306-473-2450 and by email at rm.42@sasktel.net or willowbunch.town@sasktel.net

For public safety and for the safety of our staff – Do Not Approach/Stop Staff – if you require assistance, please contact the RM Foreman @ 306-640-7886 or the Town Foreman @306-640-8939

Town Council Meeting – April 6 @ 1:00pm
RM Council Meeting – April 14 @ 9:00am

GREY GARBAGE BIN pickup dates: APRIL 13 & APRIL 27 @ 7:00AM

BLUE RECYCLE BIN pickup dates: APRIL 6 & APRIL 20 @ 7:00AM

*** As a reminder the only paper product going into the toilet should be toilet paper ***

The Town is encouraging all businesses to follow the guidelines sent out by the Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Saskatchewan Government.

Residents are encouraged to check the Saskatchewan Health Authority Covid-19 website for current information and guidelines.

WWW.SASKATCHEWAN.CA/COVID19

SUMMER TRANSFER STATION HOURS NOW IN EFFECT:

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Saturdays: 10:00am – 12:00pm 1:00pm – 5:00pm

****Social distancing in effect – payment no longer accepted on site,
you will be invoiced for your hauls by the municipal office****

LUMECA

As we continue to navigate the changing environment as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, we wanted to bring you news of a new and easy way for **every individual** to access healthcare in Saskatchewan, wherever you are, from your mobile device.

Saskatchewan residents can now access virtual healthcare services from Lumeca, with a particular focus on COVID-19 screening and general health consultations.

Lumeca is a Regina based company that develops healthcare technology to bring timely access to doctors and allied healthcare professionals.

With this announcement, Lumeca, in cooperation with the Government of Saskatchewan, is now an approved service provider for virtual healthcare services. Their technology allows patients direct access to licensed Saskatchewan doctors through safe and secure text, audio and video consultations where doctors can provide advice, diagnoses and prescriptions for a wide range of conditions while patients are in the safety and comfort of their homes.

Lumeca is available for free to all Saskatchewan residents with a valid Saskatchewan Health Card. The service is available 24/7 for COVID-19 screening and general health consultations.

Lumeca hopes to relieve pressure off the healthcare system and meet the demand from Saskatchewan residents who need medical advice during this challenging time. This service will allow for easy access to health care whether you are self-isolating, exhibiting symptoms or need specific questions answered.

To access this service, download the Lumeca app on the App Store (for iPhone & iPad) or on Google Play (for Android), by searching for Lumeca.

To learn more, go to lumeca.com and share this information with your friends, family and community.

Willow Bunch Wellness Center

The Willow Bunch Wellness Center is now closed until further notice.

In the event of an emergency, please call 911.

If you require medical assistance please call Redcoat Clinic @ 306-642-4454 and you will be able to book a telephone appointment with your care provider such as the physician or NP.

This is an increased effort to limit sites, to limit the spread of Covid-19. Lab services in Willow Bunch are also cancelled until further notice as well as larger site access is limited to ONLY EMERGENT LAB requests by the provider. Clients are directed to contact their provider to discuss their lab needs in a telephone appointment for further direction.

If anyone is having any symptoms, they are encouraged to use the self-assessment tool and call 811

IN THE COMMUNITY

The Willow Bunch Library Branch is closed until further notice.

St. Ignace des Saules Catholic Church – all services have been suspended until further notice. For those wishing to follow both Daily and Sunday Masses, they will be live-streamed from Resurrection Parish in Regina. Go to the following link:

[HTTPS://livestream.com/accounts/17094656](https://livestream.com/accounts/17094656)

Please remember that ALL recreation facilities are CLOSED which includes playgrounds.

If you must go out – please respect social distancing and DO NOT attend any location if you are sick. **WASH YOUR HANDS!**
Don't touch your face, cover your cough and sneezes properly – and most importantly, stay home!



Hwy 36 Gas –OPEN - no changes to hours
306-473-2379

Floyd's Variety Store – OPEN –Tuesday to Friday 10:00am to 6:00pm
Saturday 1:00pm to 10:00pm_(pending) CLOSED Mondays for April
306-473-2460

Western Financial – OPEN Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays. We are closed to the public – visit online; call 306-473-2401 or email: wwbn@westernfg.ca

Bengough Credit Union – OPEN – no changes to hours but limited access to the Credit Union. Members are encouraged to use the night deposit and an ATM for cash whenever possible.
306-473-1000

WB Fine Foods – OPEN – no changes to hours
306-473-3333

Canada Post – OPEN – no changes to hours
306-473-2344

Jolly Giant Pub and Motel – OPEN –
11am – 8pm – Food & liquor pickup only –
northside window 306-473-2345

the Break.ery café – OPEN –
6am – 2pm Pickup & delivery only 306-473-3330

** All subject to change on short notice – please call the business if you have any questions **

Thank you for your continued support of shopping local.
Let's all continue the efforts and measures taken in order to flatten the curve!

STAY HOME!

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR WAYNE JOYAL

Excerpt from <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/public-health-measures/public-health-orders>

“On March 25, 2020, the Government of Saskatchewan announced further measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The Government of Saskatchewan is limiting the size of public and private gatherings to a maximum of 10 people in one room, **effective March 26, 2020**. Exceptions are provided where two-metre distancing between people can be maintained, such as: workplaces and meeting settings where people are distributed into multiple rooms or buildings; and retail locations deemed essential.”

“Effective immediately, all persons who have travelled internationally shall go into mandatory self-isolation for 14 days from date of arrival back into Canada.”

Please respect the restrictions that are in place as they are essential to containing and stopping the spread of the virus.

WILLOW BUNCH IS NOT IMMUNE TO THIS VIRUS!

Please follow protocol and public health orders as set by the Government of Saskatchewan and the Chief Medical Health Officer.

These orders are updated daily on www.saskatchewan.ca

Thank you for your cooperation during these unprecedented and uncertain times.

#flattenthecurve

Wayne Joyal
Mayor



PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
March 26, 2020

(Under Section 38 and Subsection 45(2) of *The Public Health Act, 1994*)

Control of Transmission of 2019 Novel Coronavirus

WHEREAS, I, Dr. Saqib Shahab, an official with the Ministry of Health and the Chief Medical Health Officer for the Province of Saskatchewan, have been authorized by the Minister of Health to act under section 45 of *The Public Health Act, 1994*;

AND WHEREAS, public gatherings and visiting hospitals and long-term care facilities can pose a public health threat due to the probability for the transmission of 2019 novel coronavirus which has been designated as an emerging communicable disease pursuant to clause 2(1)(d.1) of *The Disease Control Regulations*;

AND WHEREAS, due to the situation continuing to evolve, I am hereby rescinding my Public Health Order dated March 20, 2020, and by virtue of the foregoing and under section 38 and subsection 45(2) of *The Public Health Act, 1994*. **I hereby ORDER and DIRECT that in the Province of Saskatchewan effective immediately:**

- (a) Classes in all primary, secondary and post-secondary educational institutions, both public and private are suspended.
- (b) Indoor and outdoor public gatherings and private gatherings of over 10 people (excluding family members living in the same household) are prohibited except in the following circumstances where two meter distancing between people can be maintained:
 - (i) Settings where people are distributed into multiple rooms or buildings, and workplaces; and
 - (ii) Are a critical public service or an allowable business service.

In the event that a critical public service or allowable business service is unable to maintain two meter distancing, other measures such as self-monitoring of personal health or supervision by Infection Prevention and Control Officers or Occupational Health and Safety in the workplace shall be applied. A list of critical public services and allowable business services is found on the Government of Saskatchewan website: Saskatchewan.ca

- (c) Visitors to long-term care homes, hospitals, personal care homes, and group homes shall be restricted to family or designates visiting for compassionate reasons. All visitors shall undergo additional health screening prior to entry.

- (d) The closure of all bars, lounges, night clubs and similar facilities except in the following circumstances:
 - (i) Take out of alcohol or food products with 2 meter distancing between customers; and
 - (ii) Delivery of alcohol or food products.

- (e) All persons that have been identified by a Medical Health Officer as a close contact of a person or persons with novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) shall go into mandatory self-isolation for 14 days from the date of last having been exposed to COVID-19.

- (f) All persons that have traveled internationally shall go into mandatory self-isolation for 14 days from date of arrival back into Canada, except for the following persons if such persons are supervised by Infection Prevention and Control Officers or Occupational Health and Safety in the workplace:
 - (i) specific health care workers;
 - (ii) workers who provide emergency health care services;
 - (iii) workers who are essential to maintain essential services;
 - (iv) workers who maintain supply chain; or
 - (v) rail, airline and transport crews.

- (g) All persons that become symptomatic while on mandatory self-isolation shall call Healthline 811 and follow Healthline directives.

- (h) All persons who are household members or contacts of a person with COVID-19 shall immediately go into mandatory self-isolation and call Healthline 811 if they become symptomatic.

- (i) The closure of restaurants, food courts, cafeterias, cafes, bistros, and similar facilities, except the following is permitted:
 - (i) Take out food with two meter distancing between customers;
 - (ii) Drive through food services;
 - (iii) Delivery of food products; or
 - (iv) Soup kitchens, Not-for-profit community kitchens and religious kitchens with two meter distancing between persons.

The above (i) to (iv) is permitted to the extent that it is staff dispensing food products or services. For greater clarity, (i) to (iv) does not permit any self-service of food products.

- (j) The closure of all recreational and entertainment facilities including fitness centers, casinos, bingo halls, arenas, curling rinks, swimming pools, galleries, theaters, museums and similar facilities.
- (k) The closure of all personal service facilities including the place of business of:
 - (i) a tattooist,
 - (ii) hairdresser or barber,
 - (iii) acupuncturist,
 - (iv) acupressurist,
 - (v) cosmetologist,
 - (vi) electrologist,
 - (vii) esthetician,
 - (viii) manicurist,
 - (ix) pedicurist,
 - (x) sun tanning parlour,
 - (xi) facilities in which body piercing, bone grafting or scarification services are provided,
 - (xii) facilities in which massage or massage therapy services are provided except where the services are urgently medically necessary,
 - (xiii) any other personal service facilities similar to those in subclauses (i) to (xii):
- (l) Dental, Optometrists, Ophthalmologist, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Podiatry, Chiropractor clinics shall only provide urgent services or procedures.
- (m) All facilities that provide child care services as defined in *The Child Care Act, 2014*, are limited to a maximum of eight children per building space.
- (n) All child care facilities that are co-located with or with-in a long term care or personal care home that meet the above restriction shall be segregated with a private entrance and separate space so that there are no shared common areas with the long term care home or personal care home, as the case may be, and no interaction between childcare children and residents of the home. The child care facility may continue to operate subject to any restrictions placed on all child care facilities.
- (o) All businesses that are not a critical public service or allowable business services shall close. A list of critical public services and allowable business services is found on the Government of Saskatchewan website: Saskatchewan.ca.

- (p) Retail service locations that are an allowable business service shall not provide open prepared self-serve food products, such as salad, olive, and soup bars.
- (q) All businesses that are not a critical public service or an allowable business service are permitted to provide online sales.

This order remains in effect until in the opinion of the Chief Medical Health Officer, there is no longer a public health threat.

DATED at Regina, Saskatchewan, on the 26th day of March, 2020.



Dr. Saqib Shahab FRCPC
Government of Saskatchewan
Chief Medical Health Officer

HILLS OF HOME CLUB

#15 Edouard Beaupre Street
Willow Bunch, SK S0H 4K0

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL

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| Bingo | Sunday, April 19, 2020 - CANCELLED
(The next Bingo scheduled for May 10th – (Mother's Day) if government allows us to proceed) Check the newsletter for updates or watch for posters |
| Pot Luck Supper | Wednesday, April 1, 2020 - CANCELLED
(The next Pot Luck Supper scheduled for May 6th if government suggests it is safe then) Check the newsletter for updates or for posters |
| Yoga Classes (All Levels) | CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE |
| Wednesday Game Nights | CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE |
| Sunday Night Poker | CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE |
| Board Meeting | CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE |

PLEASE NOTE:

The upcoming Spring Craft/Trade Fair on Saturday, April 4, 2020 has been cancelled as well as the Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament which was scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2020.

URGENT

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO ORGANIZE BINGOS. PLEASE CALL LINDA @ (306) 473-2689 OR CECILE @ (306) 473-2457 IF YOU CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE. UNLESS PERSONS COME FORWARD TO VOLUNTEER, EFFECTIVE JUNE, 2020 THERE WILL NO LONGER BE BINGOS AT THE HILLS OF HOME CLUB.

Due to COVID-19 precautions and to prevent the spread of the virus,
**this branch is closed
to walk-in traffic.**

We have the following ways for you to reach out to our insurance experts:

- Visit us online
- Call us at the number below
- Email us at our branch specific email below

The wellness of our People, Customers and Communities is Important to Western Financial Group and we are closely monitoring the guidance of Health Canada.

Local branch email: WWBN@westernfg.ca

306-473-2401

