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Effective today under Public Health Order, the following are legally required to self-isolate. Public health orders subject to fines for violations include:

- Anyone who has travelled outside of Canada must go into mandatory self-isolation for 14 days from their return, plus an additional 10 days from the onset of any symptoms should they occur, whichever is longer.
- Anyone who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms must self-isolate for a minimum of 10 days from the start of their symptoms, or until the symptoms resolve, whichever is longer. Symptoms include cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, or a sore throat.
- Anyone who has been identified as a close contact of a person or persons with COVID-19 must go into mandatory self-isolation for 14 days from the date of last having been exposed to COVID-19, plus an additional 10 days from the onset of any symptoms should they occur, whichever is longer.
- Mass gatherings must be limited to no more than 50 attendees.
- Access to public recreational facilities, private entertainment facilities, bars and nightclubs is prohibited.
- Visitation to long-term care and other continuing care facilities is limited to essential visitors only.

If you are self-isolating:

- stay home - do not attend work, social events or any other public gatherings
- avoid contact with other people, including household members and especially seniors and people with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems
- don't take public transportation like buses, taxis or ride sharing
- watch for symptoms

Fines of up to \$500,000

- Fines for violating an order have increased to a prescribed fine of \$1,000 per occurrence.
- Courts will also have increased powers to administer fines of up to \$100,000 for a first offence and up to \$500,000 for a subsequent offence for more serious violations. The new fines will be in force over the coming days.

The reporting process is as follows:

1. Citizens are encouraged to file a complaint with Alberta Health (through the following link: <https://ephisahs.microsoftcrmportals.com/create-case/>).
2. Alberta Health will assess the appropriate response and assign a health inspector.

We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 (coronavirus) situation closely in our region and execute all provincial and federal mandates as they are issued. For the most current COVID-19 information and updates go to Alberta.ca

Working together to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Follow our websites for updates and information:

County of Stettler: www.stettlercounty.ca

Town of Stettler: www.stettler.net