



Update – July 10, 2020

We are looking to share positive news about staff! If you've had some good news, please email rfee@midland.ca to include in a future update!

1) Face coverings/non-medical masks to be required in public indoor spaces/transit

- The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit announced this week that as of 12:01 a.m. on Monday, July 13, the wearing of face coverings/non-medical masks will be required in all public indoor spaces and on public transit.
- "It is important to know that while we will commence with an educational and supportive approach, as per the EMCPA, those who do not comply with the above noted requirements may be fined. Individuals may be liable for a fine of \$750 - \$1,000 up to a maximum of \$100,000, while corporations may be liable for a fine of up to \$10,000,000 for each day or part of each day on which the offence occurs or continues." said Dr. Charles Gardiner, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer.

Impact on Town of Midland employees:

- As of Monday, July 13, as per the direction from Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, when employees are entering Town facilities where they may come into contact with customers, they are required to wear a mask.
- Employees will be provided with an SOP and masks. Until you have been provided with a mask, employees are welcome to bring their own.

Click [here](#) to read the SMDHU letter sent to businesses & organizations.

Click [here](#) to read the SMDHU letter sent to municipalities and CAOs

2) Ontario Extends Emergency Orders to July 22

The government will continue to review each order on an ongoing, case-by-case basis to determine when and if they can safely be adjusted or lifted, as part of the reopening framework. To read the full media release, visit: [Emergency Orders Extended until July 22](#)

3) COVID Recovery Committee Update

The COVID Recovery Committee (CRC) has officially met with Municipal Office staff and the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). The engagement and discussions with employees allowed the CRC to provide a wholesome discussion with the SLT. Although we don't have all the wrinkles ironed out yet, we are in a good place! The CRC have over 75 action plans! Some things we have moved forward on:

- Purchase of decals to accommodate (high touch, 2m distancing posters).
- Purchase of Mirrors for tight spacing.
- Banners and signage for entry/exit are in the works.
- Placed Occupancy load posters in all meeting rooms, public washrooms etc...
- Processes for when we unlock doors are well underway.
- IT's action item list to move us to the new innovative future of technology for both internal and external customers is well underway.
- Since we are advancing and continuing 'by-appointment' for services, IT will be introducing a Microsoft 365 feature called 'Bookings'. It integrates with staff calendars and does not override existing appointments. Stay tuned for more information!
- Many SOP's and guides have been created and sent to management for review with employees. There are more to come!
-and much more!

Success cannot happen without teamwork and solution driven discussions, so the CRC team wants to thank everyone for their participation! The Recovery Framework is in the process of being updated and we are excited to share with you what we have to date. The CRC will be reaching out to other facilities to meet virtually soon.

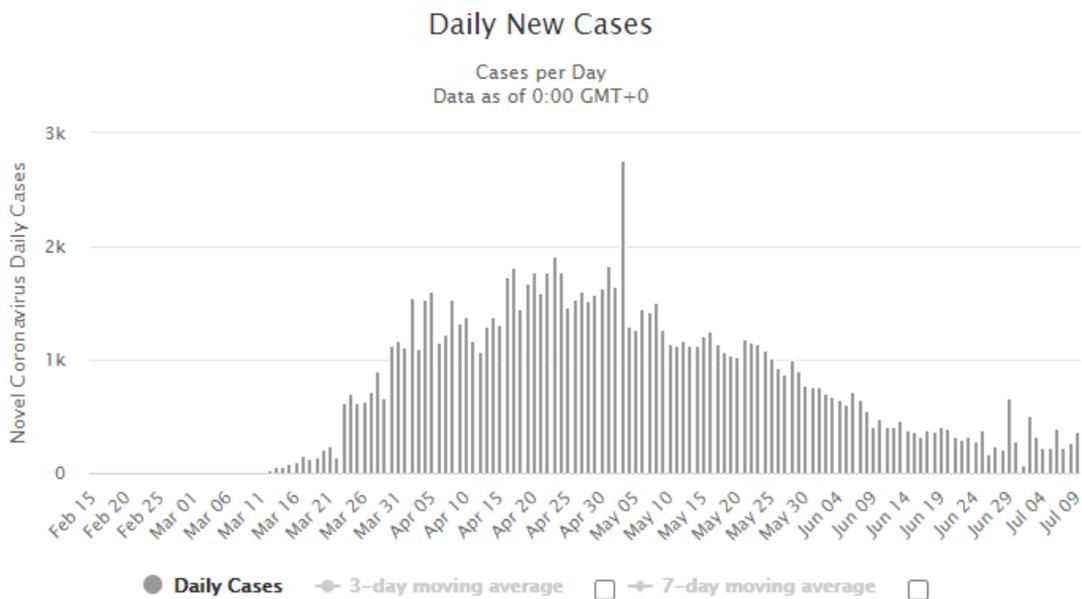


4) Canada Extends Mandatory Requirements Under the Quarantine Act for Anyone Entering Canada

- Government of Canada has extended the Emergency Order requirements related to mandatory isolation and quarantine until August 31, 2020, for travellers entering Canada. Anyone entering Canada—whether by air, land or sea—will continue to be required to isolate for 14 days, regardless of whether they have signs/symptoms.
- Border measures prohibiting foreign nationals from entering Canada from any country other than the United States, subject to certain limited exceptions, have also been extended until July 31, 2020.
- Border measures restricting all non-essential travel, including tourism and recreation, across the Canada-US border remain in effect until July 21, 2020.

5) Good News: Canada continues to do well on reducing the spread of COVID-19

- Our current 7-day moving average for daily new cases sits at 291, down from the peak average of 1,797 on May 3.



(Source: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/canada/>)

- Since May 30, when the number of active cases peaked at 35,014, active case totals have dropped by 22%, and as of July 9 Canada currently has 27,482 active cases.
- CNN focused on Canada’s successful efforts to “crush the curve” recently. Click [here](#) to view the video report.

If you think you may have COVID-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has it, first self-isolate and then use [Ontario's Self-Assessment Tool](#) to see if you need to seek further care.

Remember to pre-screen daily when entering any Town building.

Any changes within a department will now be provided to Randy to be included in an update and copied to Clerks@midland.ca for tracking.