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To: All members of the Atlantic Canada Regional Council

From: Debra Romero

Date: October 13, 2020

Re: COVID-19 Alert - Campbellton and Moncton Outbreaks

Dear Members,

I first wanted to thank each and every member for taking the threat of COVID-19 seriously and being part of making the Atlantic Bubble the safest place in North America. The people in the provinces that make up the Atlantic Bubble are the backbone of our success in flattening the curve and restricting the spread of COVID-19.

Currently the Atlantic Bubble is doing a great job of keeping the spread of COVID-19 to a minimum. Newfoundland and Labrador is currently in Level 2 of their recovery plan with only 9 active cases. Nova Scotia is currently in the re-opening phase with only 5 active cases. Prince Edward Island is currently in phase 4 with only 5 active cases.

The recent increase in active cases of COVID-19 in New Brunswick since the beginning of October has raised safety concerns for the ACRC and our membership. The outbreaks in Zone 1 and Zone 5, the Moncton and Campbellton regions, have resulted in those regions being pushed back to phase orange by the Government of New Brunswick. Phase orange means that there is a significant risk that COVID-19 is no longer under control in the region, but there is an emphasis on balancing the risk of spread with the reopening of businesses and activities. Phase orange results in the following restrictions:

- The Government of New Brunswick is asking residents of Zone 1 and Zone 5 not to leave their zone unless it is for essential travel. They are also asking residents of other zones not to travel to Zone 1 or Zone 5 unless it is for essential travel.
- Mandatory masks in public places, indoor and outdoor.
- Two-household bubble plus immediate caregivers and members of immediate family (parents, children, siblings, grandparents)
- Outdoor gatherings are limited to 10 people with physical distancing

- Indoor religious observances, funerals, weddings, and social gatherings are limited to 10 people or less with physical distancing.
- Barbers, hair stylists and spas are now closed.
- Daycares and K-12 school are open under strict guidance
- Outdoor recreational activities are allowed, including camping, ATV and snowmobile trails, but organized sports are prohibited.
- Gyms and other fitness facilities are closed, including similar sport and recreational businesses or facilities.
- Casinos, amusement centers, bingo halls, arcades, cinemas, and large live performance venues are closed.

At this time we ask our members to follow the guidelines and restrictions as set out by the Government of New Brunswick. It is our duty as members of the ACRC and residents of the Atlantic Bubble to comply with these measures and stop the spread of COVID-19. By working together we can help reduce the number of cases and ensure the Atlantic Bubble remains the safest place in North America. The ACRC will be publishing updates as relevant information becomes available. Please check our website in the future for updates, they can be found under the COVID-19 heading.

Thank you for continuing to put your trust in the ACRC, we are working tirelessly to ensure the safety and prosperity of our membership. It is our belief that through hard work, good decisions and the continued trust of our members we can beat this pandemic and be stronger than ever in the post-COVID world. Stay safe.

In Solidarity,
Debra Romero
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