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SPECIAL NOTICE – Positive COVID-19 Case (Civic Centre)

Edson, Alberta, November 27th, 2020 – On November 27th, 2020, the Town of Edson was made aware that an employee at the Civic Centre has tested positive for COVID-19. The worker has not been at the office since the onset of symptoms, and prior to that, was taking precautions to limit interactions with the rest of the staff. This staff member was not front line and had no contact with the public.

In accordance with the province's public health order, the staff member remains in self-isolation and anyone known to have been in close contact with this individual has been directed to isolate for 14 days and to schedule a test for COVID-19 as soon as possible. The Town wishes the employee the best for a speedy recovery.

The Town is following our Emergency Safe Operating Procedure and advice from Alberta Health Services for the procedures when someone on staff tests positive for COVID-19. We have begun to take appropriate control measures including contacting employees who have been in close contact of the individual worker and deep sanitization of affected work areas.

As such, the Civic Centre will remain closed today. It is anticipated that we will reopen as normal on Monday at 10am. As of right now, this case does not affect any other public buildings.

COVID-19 case numbers in the Town of Edson are beginning to rise and, as of November 26, 2020, we have 10 confirmed active cases in our community.

We are reminding everyone with flu-like symptoms to follow the guidelines set out by the Province of Alberta regarding testing and self-isolation. Please continue to physically distance, use proper handwashing techniques, and wear a mask in public spaces. The health and safety of our community is the Town of Edson's top priority. No further comment is expected on this matter unless the situation changes.

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