

# ST. WALBURG

## COVID-19 Information and Updates



# We need our 13th man

Dr. Susan Shaw, Chief Medical Officer

Our world is a different place than it was just a few weeks ago.

Routine activities like grocery shopping have turned surreal, with people dancing around each other in super market aisles in a box step to maintain their distance.

As a physician, I stand behind the province's prescription of social distancing for every citizen of Saskatchewan. I never thought I'd see the day when people physically avoiding each other was a positive development. It's not just positive right now, it's absolutely necessary.

Earlier this week I was involved in a news conference discussing modelling data that informs our preparations and decisions within the Saskatchewan Health Authority to best respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. It included mortality rates and hospitalization rates ranging into the thousands. It was a sobering wake up call.

Like everything in health care, the data is based on planning for the worst while striving for the best. Normally, however, those of us who are health care providers have more influence on the results. Not for COVID-19.

Unchecked by the restraints of social distancing and other isolation measures, a single person infected with COVID-19 can ultimately result in over 59,000 cases of COVID-19 as it is passed along from person to person

over time. No health system in the world can withstand this pressure when multiplied over an entire population.

That is why it is up to you. Our health system will be there for you if you are there for us.

Social distancing, following all isolation and gathering restrictions, and washing your hands regularly does cut the transmission numbers drastically. It also delays the spread over time so it is manageable for our health system.

Those of us who work in health care don't have the option to stay home unless unwell. It is our job to continue to come to work even when other places close. We are an essential service; our society needs us. That is both our burden and our gift.

We are asking our employees to take the time and effort to protect themselves because of this essential service we provide.

But we need you to do the same.

We need Rider Nation to be our 13<sup>th</sup> man on the field. We need you to limit the spread. We need you to take this seriously, stay home whenever and wherever possible, and make every effort you can to avoid contracting and spreading COVID-19.

If you can delay the spread of COVID-19 in our communities, we can tackle it.

If you do your part, we can do ours. We're all in this together.



**Healthy People, Healthy Saskatchewan**

The Saskatchewan Health Authority works in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, acknowledging Saskatchewan as the traditional territory of First Nations and Métis People.



### Communications

The Town of St. Walburg Council and Administration is committed to providing our residents with updates on the COVID-19 situation.

Continuity and service provision are vital to our community.

Weekly door to door newsletters will be delivered. Dial-My-Calls will be sent as information is updated. Important news will be displayed in the Town Office window.

The Town Office is a phone call away for any questions you may have 306-248-3232.

# Local Community Organization Messages

## WestMed Paramedics

WestMed Paramedics of St. Walburg are on duty and ready for any emergency. They have two ambulances dedicated to Covid-19 calls. Masks and gloves protocols are in place, which are industry standards for both emergency personal and patients but additional precautions are in place such as personal protective gear and enhanced screening. WestMed has ongoing communications with the Saskatchewan Health Authority, the local RCMP and the St. Walburg & District Fire and Rescue Association. The office is currently closed to in-person interactions but the office is open for business 9:00am to 5:00pm. WestMed's phone number is 306-248-3221 and their location is 205 – 1<sup>st</sup> avenue west.

## St. Walburg & District Fire and Rescue Fire Chief

Fire Chief Tyler Aldrich indicates that all safety measures are in place to ensure the well being of his fire and rescue volunteers and the community members of St. Walburg in dealing with current Covid-19 pandemic. Aldrich states that all staff are following strict protocols such as wearing masks, gloves and personal protect equipment. Current practice is that all equipment undergoes stringent decontamination processes to further reduce risk. His words to our community are “We are here and on duty to assist with any emergency. Please stay safe and do your part to help to flatten the curve of Covid-19” Communications with West-Med Paramedics and the St. Walburg Detachment of the R.C.M.P. are ongoing.

## St. Walburg R.C.M.P.

The St. Walburg Detachment of the R.C.M.P. continues to provide their services to our community. While many of the processes have been modified to include verbal statements taken over the telephone, the Office in St. Walburg can make arrangements by calling 306-248-6250. 9-1-1 remains in effect for all EMERGENCIES. Criminal record checks have been suspended at this time. Suspected COVID-19 infractions are being asked to contact the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency Enforcement at 1-855-559-5502: . At this time, all members of the St. Walburg Detachment are healthy.

# Business Community Updates

## Graham Foods

306.248.3254

Monday to Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- \* Use Hand Sanitizer at the Door and stay 6 feet apart at all times

## St. Walburg Pharmacy

306.248.3611

Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Instructions on the door and will be updating Facebook

- \* Call ahead to order prescriptions if possible
- \* 5 people allowed in the store at a time
- \* Delivery service is available
- \* Please have 1 person/family come into store

## St. Walburg Post Office

306.248.3666

Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- \* Enter Post Office for purchases only
- \* Use Hand Sanitizer upon entering
- \* Stay behind tape on floor
- \* Follow directions on parcel card for pick-up

## Synergy Credit Union

306.825.3301

Member Contact Centre Hours

- \* Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.
- \* Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.
- \* Where needs cannot be addressed through telephone, in-branch appointments can be booked through the Contract Centre

# Business Community Updates

## Uncle Ike's Laundry

Open Daily 6 to 11 pm

- \* Follow instructions posted on the front door

## Bust-A-Butt

- \* Closed until further notice

## Through the Grapevine

306.248.3424

Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- \* Call-in, email or Facebook orders accepted
- \* Delivery or back door pick-up

## Home Building Supply

306.248.3223

Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- \* Closed for Inventory on Fri. April 3 @ noon and closed all day Sat. Apr. 4
- \* Free delivery for in town orders
- \* Call orders in ahead @ 306.248.3676 and they will have order ready for pick-up upon arrival
- \* Maximum of 10 people in store

## Ace Hardware

306.248.3353

Monday to Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- \* If you have travelled outside of country and have not self isolated, DO NOT ENTER
- \* Only 10 people in store at a time
- \* Follow instructions posted on front door

## Prairie Insurance

306.248.3244

Closed to public

- \* Can be reached by phone or email
- \* Transactions by credit card

## Kim's Service

306.248.3421

Everyday 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

- \* No coffee/visiting in store
- \* Physical distancing
- \* Maximum 10 persons in store

## Subway

306.248.9112

Daily from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m.

- \* Takeout, Walk-In, Delivery Available
- \* Platters, Large orders of Sandwiches
- \* Place order over the phone or on website

## Virk's Gas Station

306.248.3226

Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily

- \* Physical distancing
- \* Maximum 10 persons in store

## St. Walburg Inn Restaurant

- \* Closed until further notice.

## St. Walburg Inn Liquor Store

306.248. 3230

Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday 12 Noon to 4 p.m.

- \* Maximum of 3 persons in store
- \* Curb side pick-up available upon request

## Farm House Inn

306.248.3688

Open 12 Noon to 8 p.m. Daily

- \* Take out orders only
- \* When picking up respect physical distance of employees and other customers.

## Nevaeh Nail Studio

- \* Closed until further notice

## Hair Lounge

- \* Closed until further notice

## Route 26 Coffee House

306.392.0710

Open Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- \* Take out orders only
- \* CLOSED Good Friday and Easter Monday

## Ying's Family Restaurant

- \* Closed until further notice

## St. Walburg Liquor Store

306.248.2337

Open Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m.—7 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

- \* Maximum 10 persons in store
- \* Stand behind line and wait to pay

## St. Walburg Library

- \* Closed until further notice

## Revolution Fitness

- \* Closed until further notice

## Water Security Agency: Maintaining Proper Oversight of Drinking Water Systems

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March 27, 2020 -- The Water Security Agency's (WSA's) central mandate to ensure safe drinking water for Saskatchewan people remains at the forefront of our priority work during the COVID-19 outbreak. Safe water is essential to ensure good sanitation and hygienic conditions to best protect people against COVID-19. The highest level of protection is offered through the rigorous operation, maintenance and monitoring regime prescribed by WSA to municipal drinking and wastewater systems as a condition of their permit.

Waterworks operators must maintain adequate filtration, treatment and disinfection at the water treatment plant, as well as adequate disinfectant residual through the distribution system. We are communicating to ensure municipalities are aware of maintaining their regular oversight of their drinking water systems and are designating waterworks operators as essential staff during this situation.

During this time of physical distancing, waterworks operators must continue their normal schedules. If the operators are unavailable or not performing the necessary tasks to guarantee a safe drinking water supply, or for any reason proper operation is interrupted, the municipality, the permittee, employees and contractors must notify WSA via 24-hours upset Reporting Line at 1-844-536-9494 of any disruption, so that alternate certified operators can ensure that water is safe.

The permittee, employees and contractors also must ensure the proper operation and monitoring of wastewater systems and proper treatment in accordance with the permit and must notify WSA if operations are interrupted or upset for any reason.

WSA is also advising that its Environmental Project Officers (EPOs) must be allowed on site as needed to conduct inspections and monitor the proper functioning of both water and wastewater systems. EPOs are present to assist in ensuring a safe water supply for the public.

WSA's vigilance surrounding the safety of our public water system will continue throughout the duration of the COVID-19 situation and into the future.

## Garbage Collection

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Town Staff will be collecting garbage on Tuesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m. Waste collection is an essential service that will be continuing. As a resident, you will notice that the Town Staff is adhering to physical distancing while completing this service. There will be two vehicles and two staff working in tandem. Please ensure that your garbage is placed at the preferred pick up location in an approved container. Should a resident require garbage bags, there are a number of options available:

1. Kim's Service—has garbage bags on hand for \$3.00 per bag.
2. E-transfer to [etransfer@stwalburg.com](mailto:etransfer@stwalburg.com) and arrangements can be made for delivery or curbside pick up. The question should be: "Garbage"; the answer should be "Bags", Memo to include civic address.
3. Contact the Town Office to discuss all other arrangements.

## Delivery Service—FREE WITHIN TOWN LIMITS (306) 248-3518

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Sunday thru Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., the Town is offering a FREE Delivery Service. Call the local business to place and pay for your order. Confirm the time that your order will be ready. Call 306-248-3518 to arrange for Delivery Service—including your civic address and phone number. Should anyone require additional supports, please contact the Town Office at 306-248-3518. Local Businesses include: St. Walburg Pharmacy, Graham's Foods, St. Walburg Inn, The Farmhouse Inn, Subway, Route 26 Coffee House, and Ying's. We are just a call away to help you during this time.

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