

1. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FIRESMART OPEN HOUSE THAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 21ST @ 1PM AT THE MYRNA NOYES COMMUNITY HALL HAS BEEN POSTPONED AS PRECAUTION – WE SINCERELY APOLOGISE.

Sandy Beach is taking immediate action, following the direction of Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health, to assist in containing COVID-19.

The following are now implemented:

- Sandy Beach is now a no hand shake community until April 30th
- All unessential staff travel is cancelled.
- The Village is cancelling all events that have more than 50 attendees in Village operated facilities until further notice. The Village will re-evaluate on an ongoing basis, with **direction from Alberta Health:**
<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page16944.aspx>
- The Village is increasing the frequency and intensity of cleaning in its facilities.
- The Village office will remain open for staff ONLY – email or phone us if you have a query.
- Given that the municipality provides an essential service; the delivery of services to residents is critical and business functions must and will be maintained. All staff and elected officials are kept abreast of hourly and daily developments particular here in Alberta.
- Risk mitigation and communication is essential in dealing with the pandemic.
- Any person who are sick are **to follow guidelines set out by Alberta Health Services:** <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page16944.aspx>
- Sandy Beach “are taking a careful, compassionate and caring approach to COVID-19. We have a responsibility to our employees who keep the Village operating and the entire community.” Thank you for your cooperation.
- Alberta Health **is the lead agency** and we are monitoring and following their instructions and plans daily. Together, our community is committed to minimizing any impacts. We all have a part to play. As a first step, we encourage all residents to **practice frequent hand-washing and not spread fear, panic or misinformation.**
- Please check our website <https://www.summervillageofsandybeach.ca/> for further updates.