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ONE-TIME PAYMENT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Submitted by of Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellow-

head, would like to inform constituents that Bill C-20, An Act respecting further COVID-19 measures, has received Royal Assent, ex-

tending CEWS to December 19, 2020.

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LEDUC RCMP INVESTIGATE SHOOTING

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

On July 29, 2020 at approximately 5:00 p.m., Leduc RCMP responded to a report of a shooting at a residence in the Southfork area.

A 37-year-old male sustained non-life threatening injuries and was transported by STARS to the hospital.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that a black Hummer was seen leaving the area of the shoot-

ing. Leduc RCMP with the assistance from RCMP Air Services searched for the suspect vehicle which was located a short time later engulfed in flames, south of Leduc.

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EXPANDING THE CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Submitted by of Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, would like to inform constituents that the Government of Canada will be adjusting the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Pro-

gram. The new steps to the program will now include a new stream designed to deliver more infrastructure projects by:

- increasing the types of eligible projects and
- accelerating project approvals

Under a new COVID-19

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One-Time Payment for Persons with Disabilities

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Bill C-20 will also allow for the sharing of information to facilitate the delivery of a one-time payment for persons with disabilities with a non-taxable and non-reportable payment of up to \$600 who:

- Are holders of a valid Disability Tax Credit certificate

(eligible persons not yet in possession of such a certificate will be able to apply for one up to 60 days after today's Royal Assent to be considered for the one-time payment);

- Currently receive Canada Pension Plan disability benefits or Quebec Pension Plan disability benefits; or
- Are in receipt of disability

supports provided by Veterans Affairs Canada.

Complete details on Bill C-20 can be found at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/07/government-legislation-to-support-canadian-workers-businesses-persons-with-disabilities-and-legal-rights-receives-royal-assent.html>

Leduc RCMP Investigate Shooting

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Leduc RCMP would like to advise this incident is not linked to a separate incident

reported on July 17, 2020 in the Westhaven area which remains under investigation.

Leduc RCMP General Investigation Section continues to

investigate this shooting.

Police are asking anyone who has information about this incident to contact Leduc RCMP AT 780-980-7267.

Expanding the Canada Infrastructure Program

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A simplified funding application process will ensure that projects can get underway as

soon as possible.

More details can be found at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2020/08/>

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LEDUC RCMP CHARGE MALE FOLLOWING ASSAULT WITH A WEAPON INVESTIGATION

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

Leduc, Alta. – On Aug. 6, 2020 at approximately 10:30 p.m., Leduc RCMP responded to an assault complaint at a resi-

dence in the area of 48 Street and 47 Avenue.

A male suspect was in the home with the victim and stabbed him with a knife. The male victim was transported to hospital with serious, but non

life threatening injuries and has since been released.

A 45-year-old male who is known to the victim was arrested by police at the residence and is facing a charge of Assault with a Weapon.

He is scheduled to appear in Leduc Provincial court on September 10, 2020.

If you have any information that you believe may assist police in their investigation, please contact 780-980-7267.

DEVON AND BRETON RCMP HOST VICTIM SERVICES

Submitted by Devon and Breton RCMP

Devon RCMP and Breton RCMP host Victim Services in their Detachments monthly.

Starting in September 2020, Leduc & District Victim services will be working out of the Devon RCMP Detachment the second Tuesday of the month between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and out of the Breton RCMP Detach-

ment every second and fourth Wednesday of the month between the hours of 9:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to support victims of crime

It is an opportunity to bring awareness to the community as to how the RCMP in partnership with Victim Services can assist victims of crime.

"Victim Services is an integral part of policing. When police are dealing with the legal side, Victim Services provides

the soft touch, the human side while assisting victims through a variety of processes", says Constable Cheri-Lee Smith.

Leduc & District Victim Services is an organization of individuals that make every effort to ensure victims are not left alone to face overwhelming circumstances. Victims Services work alongside the RCMP in the Devon and Breton Detachments and they start working to provide support as

soon as the victim is referred.

"Once police provide us with a victim referral, we provide them with services such as victim impact statements, financial benefits, restitution and other resources that may benefit the victim such as counselling," says Stephanie Ricci, Executive Director with Leduc & District Victim Services.

The RCMP in partnership with Victim Services welcome the opportunity to provide support.

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TRUDEAU PROROGUES PARLIAMENT AMID WE SCANDAL

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Justin Trudeau and the Liberal government are wrapped up in a scandal once again; this time they needed to prorogue Parliament. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is under investigation by the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner for the third time since 2015. First, he was under investigation for illegally accepting a vacation to the Aga Khan's private island in 2016. Last year he was under investigation for the SNC Lavalin scandal. Now, Trudeau is dealing with his latest ethical lapse, the WE scandal.

Back in April, Trudeau announced the Canada Student

Service Grant (CSSG). This was one of many programs the government had announced to help Canadians get through the COVID-19 pandemic. The stated objective of the program was to deliver financial compensation to students volunteering over the summer. These funds would have helped many youths finance their education upon returning to school in the fall. Instead, the money for this program ended up in the hands of Trudeau's friends at WE Charity. The government repeatedly claimed that WE was the only organization capable of running this program despite the fact that WE Charity had no experience running a program of this

size ever before. When the \$900,000,000 contract was awarded it did not even go to WE Charity, it was sent to a shell corporation setup by WE with no financial history.

In July, WE Charity backed out of the deal after Conservatives discovered that Trudeau did not recuse himself from the decision to award WE this contract. Additionally, it was discovered that Trudeau's family had received \$500,000 in compensation from WE since he had been elected Prime Minister. Conservatives have been using the tools at our disposal and working hard to get answers for Canadians. Since the news initially broke, the Finance Committee and the Ethics Committee have been tirelessly attempting to get to the bottom of all of this. Conservatives have made huge headway on this fact-finding mission. In fact, within 24 hours of MP Pierre Poilievre receiving 5000 pages of redacted documents regarding the WE scandal, Minister of Finance Bill Morneau resigned, and Trudeau asked the Governor General to prorogue Parliament.

What does it really mean to prorogue Parliament? Many people have reached out asking questions as to what this means and why Trudeau can

prorogue Parliament without holding a vote on it. The answer is that a sitting Prime Minister reserves the right to request that the Governor General prorogue the House of Commons. Trudeau requested a prorogation and his handpicked Governor General Julie Payette complied. Proroguing the House of Commons effectively resets it to a post-election state without having an election. This means there is now no business on the docket and no committees formed. Already, during the COVID Committee, our ability to hold the Liberals to account was limited. Now, it is non-existent. A new throne speech will be delivered on September 23rd and following that there will be a vote of no confidence and if passed, would trigger an election.

If Trudeau wanted to introduce a throne speech and test the confidence of the House, he could have simply allowed these important committees to continue their work and then prorogue Parliament in the days before his proposed date for a Speech from the Throne (September 23rd). Instead he chose to shut down the Opposition's last avenue for accountability so that he can avoid the tough questions.

One-time Payment for Persons with Disabilities

- The one-time payment will be automatically issued to holders of a valid Disability Tax Credit certificate.
- The one-time payment will be issued in the form of a cheque or direct deposit.
- Payments are expected to be issued this fall.

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LEDUC CITY COUNCIL BALANCES CITIZEN FEEDBACK AND WELL-BEING

Submitted by City of Leduc

At August 17th's meeting of Leduc City Council, following a debate on mandatory masking as a preventative measure against COVID-19, Mayor Young and members of Council passed a bylaw that will make face coverings mandatory should Leduc reach a threshold of 10 confirmed active COVID cases.

The decision follows a public survey conducted by the City, which received more than 5,500 responses. Of the 4,199 Leduc residents who completed the survey, when asked whether they were in favour of face masks being made mandatory in Leduc, 2,039 residents (49%) indicated they were in favour, while 2,159 (51%) said they were opposed.

A second survey that was conducted for local businesses received responses from 183 Leduc business owners/operators or managers. Of those, 63 (34%) indicated they were in favour, while 120 (66%) were opposed to mandatory masking.

"I want to thank the more than 5,000 people who participated in our public survey on mandatory masking," says Leduc Mayor Bob Young. "The bylaw that Council has passed recognizes citizen feedback while keeping community well-being top of mind. I am confident that this balanced and responsible approach will keep our community as healthy as possible."

The bylaw will come into force only if the City of Leduc reaches a threshold of 10 confirmed active cases of COVID-19. It will require individuals to wear a face covering in all indoor, publicly accessible spaces. This will include retail stores, entertainment venues, recreation centres, and vehicles for hire, in addition to City facilities, when utilizing transit, and ride for hire vehicles. Business operators can choose whether or not to

deny service to those who do not comply with the bylaw and may also sell or provide face coverings to customers if they choose. A number of exemptions are built into the bylaw to accommodate those who are unable to wear a face covering.

The decision made by Council recognizes that, when combined with measures such as

physical distancing, proper hand hygiene and staying home when sick, face coverings are effective in preventing the transmission of COVID-19 by symptomatic and asymptomatic carriers as well as potentially offering some protection to the wearer.

"With this decision, Leduc is in alignment with other regional leaders and municipa-

lities in the province," adds Mayor Young.

The City will take an education-first approach to enforcement of the bylaw, should it become necessary to enact it.

The full results of the public and business surveys are available on the City of Leduc website.

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PARENTS' GUIDE: 2020–21 SCHOOL YEAR

— Return to near normal daily in-school classes with health measures

Learning in the new school year

Students will return to school daily at the beginning of the new school year. There are health measures that everyone has to follow to reduce the risk of COVID-19 and help stay safe. While your school will develop a plan to meet the government's health recommendations, everyone will have a role to play.

PARENTS' ROLE IN KEEPING SCHOOLS SAFE

Screen for symptoms every morning

Check every morning to see if your child has any of these symptoms. If yes, they must stay home:

- Fever, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, sore throat, chills, painful swallowing
- Runny nose/nasal congestion, feeling unwell/fatigued, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, unexplained loss of appetite
- Loss of sense of taste or smell, muscle/joint aches, headache, Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)

Use the [Self-Assessment tool](#) to check if your child should be tested for COVID-19.

Stay home when sick or if in contact with someone who is sick

Students, parents or family members must not enter school if they:

- Feel sick or have symptoms of COVID-19
- Had close contact with someone who is ill with a cough and/or fever
- Have anyone in the household who has been in close contact in the last 14 days with someone who is being investigated or confirmed to have COVID-19
- Have traveled outside of Canada in the last 14 days
- Had close contact with someone who has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days and who is ill

Keep a safe distance

Keep 2 metres between you and others when possible:

- During drop-off and pick-up
- During interactions with a teacher, school staff or other parents and students

Pick up students promptly if they show symptoms at school

You will be asked to pick up your child from school immediately if they show symptoms. Please ensure the school has your most up-to-date contact information so they may reach you if your child needs to be picked up.

Taking your child to school

If your child normally takes the bus, consider taking them directly to school if your personal situation allows for it. This would help with physical distancing on the bus for students who do not have other options besides taking the bus.

WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW

Cohort

A cohort—or bubble—is a group of students and staff who remain together. The size of the cohort will depend on the physical space of the classroom.

The risk of COVID-19 is reduced by limiting exposure to others. Staying in a cohort also makes contact tracing easier and faster if there is a suspected case of COVID-19.

Talk to your child about some of the new health measures to help them prepare for the first day of school:

- Sanitize hands before entering school and classrooms
- Keep a distance between others and follow marks in hallways
- Do not share food or personal items
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Tell staff if feeling sick at school

- Lunch and recess time may change to allow for more physical distancing
- Students may be asked to stay in their own cohort to decrease contact with others
- Students who take the bus will have to sit in the same seat every day.

Your child may feel nervous about what school will be like. While there will be changes, the key school experience will be the same as before—they will learn in class with their teacher and see friends.

For more details: alberta.ca/returntoschool

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COVID-19 INFORMATION

Screening Questionnaire

PARENTS/GUARDIANS/STUDENTS MUST USE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE DAILY TO DECIDE IF THE STUDENT SHOULD ATTEND SCHOOL

Risk Assessment: Initial Screening Questions

1.	Do you, or your child attending the program, have any of the below symptoms:	CIRCLE ONE	
	• Fever	YES	NO
	• Cough	YES	NO
	• Shortness of Breath / Difficulty Breathing	YES	NO
	• Sore throat	YES	NO
	• Chills	YES	NO
	• Painful swallowing	YES	NO
	• Runny Nose / Nasal Congestion	YES	NO
	• Feeling unwell / Fatigued	YES	NO
	• Nausea / Vomiting / Diarrhea	YES	NO
	• Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
	• Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
	• Muscle/ Joint aches	YES	NO
	• Headache	YES	NO
	• Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	YES	NO
2.	Has the person attending the activity/facility travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3.	Have you/your child had close <u>unprotected*</u> contact (face-to-face contact within 2 meters/6 feet) with someone who has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days <u>and who is ill**</u> ?	YES	NO
4.	Have you/your child attending the program or activity had close <u>unprotected*</u> contact (face-to-face contact within 2 meters/6 feet) in the last 14 days with someone who is ill**?	YES	NO
5.	Have you/your child or anyone in your household been in close <u>unprotected*</u> contact in the last 14 days with someone who is being investigated or confirmed to be a case of COVID-19?	YES	NO

* "unprotected" means close contact without appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

** "ill" means someone with COVID-19 symptoms on the list above

If you have answered "Yes" to any of the above questions, please **DO NOT** enter the school at this time. You should stay home and use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine whether you need to be tested for COVID-19.

If you have answered "No" to all the above questions, you may attend school.

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fall HOME RENO GUIDE

AUGUST 2020





SIGNS YOUR GUTTERS ARE IN NEED OF REPAIR

Fall is a great time to tackle projects around the house. The weather each fall allows homeowners to make improvements to their homes' exteriors without worrying about extreme heat or cold, while interior projects like painting are made easier because homeowners can open the windows to allow for proper ventilation.

Fall also marks a great time to prepare for upcoming projects that can make winter work that much easier. For example, fall is a great time to take stock of your gutters so you can address any issues before leaves begin to fall or the first snow-storm touches down. Compromised gutters can contribute to water issues in basements and adversely affect a home's foundation if not addressed

immediately, so it behooves homeowners to learn the signs that gutters are in need of repair or replacement.

- Gutter hanging off the home: Gutters were once installed predominantly with spikes. However, many industry professionals now install gutters with hanger brackets. Why the change? Spikes loosen over time, leading to the gutters hanging off the home. That can contribute to serious issues if left untreated. Gutters hanging off the home need not necessarily be replaced, but rather secured to the home, ideally with hanger brackets instead of spikes. Brackets hook into the front of the gutter and are then screwed into the fascia of a home. A professional who specializes in gutter repair can perform this

task relatively quickly, and it's an inexpensive yet highly effective solution.

- Gutter separation: Gutters that are no longer fastened together can leak and contribute to issues that affect the home's foundation, siding and appearance. Clogs and the accumulation of debris can cause gutters to separate because they are not designed to hold too much weight. Replacement of separated gutters may or may not be necessary depending on how big the problem is and the condition of the existing gutters. If replacement is not necessary, separated gutters may be remedied by securing the joints, another relatively simple and inexpensive fix.

- Peeling exterior paint: Paint that appears to be peeling off of your home may indicate

that water is seeping over the edge of the gutter closest to your home. When that happens, water is coming down the side of the house, causing the paint to peel. In such instances, replacing the gutters is often necessary.

- Basement flooding: Not all signs of deteriorating gutters are outside a home. Many a homeowner has been flummoxed by flooding in their basements, and such flooding can be caused by aging, ineffective gutters. That's because deteriorating gutters sometimes allow water to leak near the foundation of a home, contributing to basement flooding.

Fall is an ideal time to inspect gutters and have any issues fixed before leaves begin to fall or harsh winter weather arrives.

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UNDERSTANDING R-VALUES

Insulation recommendations are based on certain factors that coordinate with regional climate zones to increase energy efficiency. These factors are known as

R-values. The R in R-value stands for "resistance," and refers to how certain products resist the flow of heat through walls, floors and ceilings. Products should

reduce heat escape so heat is kept on the right side of the wall. In summer this means outdoors, in winter it means indoors. R-values relate not only to insulation, but also to walls, windows and other barriers. R-values also coordinate to the type, thickness and

density of the material being used. The higher the R-value, the more resistant to heat the product is. The U.S. Department of Energy coordinates R-value to climate zones 1 through 7 (1: Tip of Florida; 7: Canadian border). A higher R-value is needed in Zone 7 and a lower R-value is necessary in Zone 1. Those embarking on home improvement projects that involve choosing between R-values are urged to speak with a professional or to visit the Department of Energy website (www.energy.gov) to determine which R-Value is ideal for their homes.



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A BUYER'S GUIDE TO HOME AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS

Few experiences provide as much relief as walking into a cool room on a hot summer day. Air conditioning systems make such experiences possible, and homeowners' decision in regard to which one to install in their homes is significant.

Homeowners may not know where to begin in regard to finding the right air conditioning system for their home. According to the Air-Conditioning, Heating, & Refrigeration Institute, the best systems provide steady, dependable performance for many years when sized correctly for the home. Correct installation and routine maintenance also can ensure homeowners' air conditioning systems withstand the test of time.

How do I know which size is best?

When shopping for new air conditioning systems, homeowners must consider a host of factors to ensure they get the best match. The AHRI notes that the home's age, the number and quality of its windows, how well it's insulated, the number of stories it has, and its square footage are among the factors to consider. Homeowners can benefit from working with trained technicians who can investigate each of these factors and recommend the correct system. The AHRI recommends homeowners ask their technicians to perform a Manual J analysis, which is a standardized formula that can help homeowners get the perfect system for their homes.

What about energy efficiency?

Energy efficiency is an important consideration when purchasing a new air conditioner for a home. Energy rates vary depending on where a person lives, but rates remain pretty high across the board. The Energy Information Association notes that residential electricity rates increased throughout the United States by about 15 percent between

2009 and 2019. An energy-efficient unit can help homeowners save considerable amounts of money, so homeowners can ask their technicians to recommend energy-efficient units that suit their homes. A unit that adequately cools a home without consuming a

lot of costly electricity should be every homeowner's goal. The U.S. Department of Energy employs the Seasonal Energy Efficiency Rating, or SEER, to inform consumers about the efficiency of each air conditioner. This rating is noted on the Energy Guide® label on

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MISERICORDIA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL BEGINS PHASED REOPENING

Submitted by Alberta Health Services

The Misericordia Community Hospital will resume Emergency Department (ED) and labour and delivery services this afternoon and begin a phased reopening of scheduled ambulatory appointments and surgical procedures.

The Misericordia was temporarily closed to incoming patients, including the ED, on July 8 as part of Alberta Health Services' COVID-19 response to the site's full facility outbreak. Existing patients within the hospital continued to receive the treatment, care and support they required, while labouring mothers and patients with scheduled day procedures were rebooked or cared for at other Edmonton Zone hospitals.

Since July 17, 2020, there

have been no new COVID-19 cases linked to the Misericordia's outbreak. As of August 14, 2020 the Misericordia outbreak is now considered over and site restrictions have been lifted.

"Early in the outbreak at the Misericordia, we took significant measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and ensure the safety of patients, staff, physicians, and volunteers," says Dr. David Zygun, Medical Director, AHS Edmonton Zone.

"With an abundance of caution, and nearly a month without a new case linked to the initial outbreak, we are confident the site is ready to begin accepting incoming patients to a safe environment of care."

AHS and Covenant Health are grateful to EMS as well as staff and physicians at health-care facilities, hospitals and in

the community throughout the Edmonton Zone who worked tirelessly to accommodate an increase in patient flow due to the temporary closure of the Misericordia.

"The ability of our teams to adapt to the closure of a hospital in the Edmonton Zone is a testament to the depth of our capacity to care for Albertans during a pandemic," says Dr. Zygun. "The hard work and vigilance of our staff and physicians across the system have kept hospital transmission rates low and the environment safe for patients."

Medicine and other hospital inpatient units including the neonatal intensive care unit that continued to care for patients at the Misericordia during the temporary closure will also begin accepting incoming patients. Patients with postponed or upcoming ap-

pointments and surgeries will be contacted to reschedule appointments and procedures.

Covenant Health and Alberta Health Services want to assure Albertans that the facility is safe for new admissions.

"Our focus continues to be on the safety of our patients, staff, physicians and visitors in the facility," said Owen Heisler, Chief Medical Officer, Covenant Health. "We are extremely grateful for our hard-working and dedicated physicians and staff who cared for patients and each other during the outbreak, both at the Misericordia or through redeployment throughout the zone."

AHS and Covenant would like to express gratitude to patients and families for their support and patience throughout this temporary service suspension.

EXPANDING COVID-19 TESTING FOR ASYMPTOMATIC ALBERTANS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

More than 50 Shoppers Drug Mart and Loblaw pharmacies in Real Canadian Superstore locations are already offering asymptomatic testing, and by September 1, 2020 all 234 of the company's pharmacies in Alberta (including pharmacies at Independent Foods, Extra Foods, City Market, and No Frills) will offer asymptomatic COVID-19 testing.

This is in addition to provincewide testing offered via AHS assessment centres and about 75 other community pharmacies that already offer tests. Additional community pharmacies are encouraged to register voluntarily to offer asymptomatic testing.

To date, more than 837,649 COVID-19 tests have been completed across the province.

"Since the beginning of this pandemic, Alberta has been a leader in testing. We have consistently had the most open testing approach in Canada, and I am pleased to partner with Shoppers

Drug Mart to further strengthen our capacity." - Tyler Shandro, Minister of Health

"Testing is a powerful tool that helps us limit the spread of COVID-19 and protect people from infection. Expanded testing capacity will support additional testing opportunities for all Albertans, including school teachers and staff. This will provide a baseline for school re-entry and enhance access throughout the school year." - Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Chief Medical Officer of Health

"Expanding asymptomatic testing to more than 230 of our pharmacies across the province will allow more access to these tests and continued peace of mind, particularly as school resumes and businesses continue to open. Our pharmacies are a convenient destination for Albertan's healthcare needs, and our stores are proud of our ability to further support our communities during this pandemic." - Ashesh Desai, Executive Vice President, Pharmacy, Shoppers Drug Mart

To support school re-entry,

Albertans without symptoms are asked to delay testing until after the 2020-21 school year starts on Sept.1.

All Albertans are also reminded that continued adherence to public health measures - including physical distancing, masking and hand hygiene - remain critical to the reduction of spread of COVID-19 in our province.

Asymptomatic testing

Asymptomatic Albertans are still encouraged to complete the AHS self-assessment tool to book a test, or contact a participating community pharmacy.

Each pharmacy adheres to strict protocols and has the specialized skills needed to protect patient safety. The pharmacy test is a throat swab, which is sent to Alberta Precision Labs for analysis.

Testing at pharmacies is particularly encouraged for all teachers and school staff.

Symptomatic testing

Any Albertan with symptoms of COVID-19 must book testing through AHS, via www.ahs.ca/

covid.

Testing appointments for children with pre-existing medical conditions that have symptoms similar to COVID-19, such as allergies, must also be booked through AHS.

Quick facts

- Alberta has performed 837,649 tests on 677,754 Albertans.

- Strong testing data helps government and public health officials understand how our communities are affected by COVID-19 to make public health decisions.

- Only those who have no symptoms and no known exposure to COVID-19 can be tested at participating pharmacies.

- Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or known exposure must complete the COVID-19 self-assessment or call Health Link 811.

- AHS will directly contact any Albertan who tests positive to discuss the results, begin contact tracing, and protect the public's health.

A MESSAGE FROM MLA MARK SMITH: CANADIAN ENERGY CENTRE

Submitted by MLA Mark Smith | Drayton Valley – Devon Constituency

One of our mandates as a provincial government is to promote Canada as the supplier of choice on an international platform. In Alberta we truly understand the value of investing in our own oil and gas sector, not only for the benefit of our provincial economy but also for the individuals who rely on our resource industry to provide for their families. That is why the creation of The Canadian Energy Centre (CEC) will help play a key role in our pursuit of global recognition while helping Albertans meet their bottom line. Also known as Alberta's "Energy War Room", our government is making an investment in the future of our natural resource industry.

The Canadian Energy Centre's mandate is to promote Canada as the supplier of choice for the world's growing demand for responsibly produced energy. It is an independent provincial corporation that is primarily supported by the Government of Alberta's industry-funded Technology, Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) Fund. Of the \$30 million allocated for the Canadian Energy Centre, \$20 million will be generated by the upcoming Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction system.

The Canadian Energy Centre is also standing up for the 533,000 Canadian jobs supported by the energy sector and continuing to fight for ethically sourced products. As Albertans we know that we have some of the best labour standards in the world, combined with sustainably produced resources. It is important that we work to emphasize these successes on an international level.

The CEC will push back against the coordinated campaign to discredit the Canadian energy sector in real time and unapologetically defend our energy industry, our workers and our high environmental,

social and governance standards. Whether it was a result of fly in fly out celebrity virtue signalers or american funded NGOs like Tides, misinformation campaigns have contributed to millions—if not billions—of lost investment, jobs, royalties and revenues for our province. Using a mix of long form narratives, social media, proactive reporting and paid advertising campaigns

the CEC will deliver the real story of Canadian energy on a national and international level. The CEC has three units that will work together to tell Canada's energy story: A rapid response unit to issue swift responses to misinformation about Canadian oil and natural gas. A pro-active energy literacy unit that creates original content to elevate the general understanding of Canada's en-

ergy sector and help the country take control of its energy story, and a data and research unit that centralizes and analyses data targeting investors, researchers, and policy makers.

For ridings like Drayton Valley-Devon this will hopefully signal renewed vigor in our local industries and business on a wide spectrum and across many areas.



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3	8	6	2	9	1	7	4	5
1	2	7	8	4	5	9	3	6
7	3	9	1	5	4	6	2	8
2	6	1	7	8	9	4	5	3
5	4	8	6	2	3	1	7	9
9	1	2	5	7	8	3	6	4
6	5	3	4	1	2	8	9	7
8	7	4	9	3	6	5	1	2

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