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March 19, 2020 – Village Update

The Village has been operating under a virtual Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) model for the past two weeks. What this means is staff have been assigned roles in alignment with Emergency Management BC (EMBC) protocol. We have been communicating daily with the Province, our emergency Management partners in the Strathcona Regional District, and regional Chief Administrative Officers to ensure our response is compliant regionally. The Province is the lead agency for COVID-19 and we are participating in regular communications regarding COVID-19.

Village operations/ actions are currently as follows:

1. Recreation access is closed until further notice. Staff that have received layoff notice may be assigned to other work within the village. This will be determined shortly. In the meantime, staff are vigorously cleaning facilities in an effort to mitigate any issues when we are open.
2. The Village office is closed to the public. Access is either through phone, email, or other electronic means. In ensuring business continuity staff are reviewing what actions the Village needs to suspend at this time and will be making recommendations as to how we provide access in the future electronically.
3. A regional task number has been issued, staff are compiling any eligible costs to a pandemic cost center for mitigation of extra costs to the Village
4. Council updates will remain in the same format as current: staff communicates to the CAO, CAO communicates to the Mayor, mayor provides information to Council. All appropriate communication for the public will be posted on our website ([www.villageofgoldriver.com](http://www.villageofgoldriver.com)) or on social media (Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/VillageofGoldRiver> or Twitter <https://twitter.com/goldrivergov> ).
5. Fire department. Practices are being cancelled as protocols and PPE are being set up by the fire chief as well as a review of response protocol.
6. Staff are doing their best to guide residents to provincial and federal sites set specifically for this pandemic. Staff have posted to our social media, created a page on our website (link at top of landing page), and a mailout will be going out shortly providing current responses and information regarding steps to take to isolate and minimize contact. As we get information, Staff will be posting on our website and social media platforms.

Should you have any questions phone 250-283-2202 or email [villageofgoldriver@cablerocket.com](mailto:villageofgoldriver@cablerocket.com).