

## Manluk Centre to re-open to the public on Saturday, September 5

September 3, 2020

(Wetaskiwin, Alberta) – The *Manluk Centre: Wetaskiwin Regional Aquatics & Fitness* will re-open to the public at 8 am on September 5, 2020.

The Manluk Centre closed the evening of August 21, 2020 immediately following confirmation of a facility staff member testing positive for COVID-19. In total, two facility employees tested positive for COVID-19 since August 21 and both have been in isolation since that time—as well as those who had close contact with them.

“While Alberta Health Services had given the City the green light to re-open the Manluk Centre before September 5, we felt it was prudent to delay the facility’s re-opening until all the employees’ test results came back,” said Robert Osmond, Director of Emergency Management for the City of Wetaskiwin. “We remain committed to keeping our recreation facilities safe for both staff and the visiting public, and have enhanced our infection prevention and control measures to help protect everyone’s well-being.”

The City will continue to provide updates on its [municipal website](#) and [COVID portal](#). Anyone with flu-like symptoms such as cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat is advised to complete the [Alberta Health Services online self-assessment](#)—and get tested for COVID-19 if directed to do so. Do not go to a medical clinic or the emergency room. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

A current tally of COVID-19 cases in Alberta can be found on the [Province’s website](#).

### Quick facts

- *The Manluk Centre: Wetaskiwin Regional Aquatics & Fitness* will be open the following hours over the long weekend:
  - Saturday, Sept. 5 from 8 am — 8 pm
  - Sunday, Sept. 6 from 11 am — 6 pm
  - Monday, Sept. 7 from 11 am — 6 pm
- Both the aquatics and fitness areas of the facility will be open to patrons as of Sept. 5.
- The City of Wetaskiwin closed the Manluk Centre on August 21, 2020 immediately after receiving notification from Alberta Health Services that a facility employee had tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.
- All employees who were in close contact with the first staff member who tested positive for the virus—including the second staff member who tested positive—have been in isolation since August 21.
- Alberta Health Services defines ‘close contact’ as a person who provided care for the individual, including healthcare workers, family members or other caregivers, or who had other similar close physical contact with the person without consistent and appropriate use of personal protective equipment OR who lived with or otherwise had close prolonged contact (within two metres) with the person while they were infectious OR had direct contact with infectious bodily fluids of the person (e.g. was coughed or sneezed on) while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment.

- Anyone interested in receiving email notifications about local COVID-19-related news and updates can sign up at [covidwetaskiwin.ca](https://covidwetaskiwin.ca).

### **About the City of Wetaskiwin**

Wetaskiwin is a secure, connected, and inclusive community home to a diverse population of nearly 13,000 people. Located only 30 minutes south of the Edmonton International Airport, the City of Wetaskiwin provides a high quality of life through ample recreation opportunities, diverse cultural activities, and a modernized, business-friendly downtown.

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