



LABRADORWEST

## Highway & Airport Checkpoints for Covid-19

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*Labrador City & Wabush, NL, April 3, 2020* – While we continue to urge our governments to make self-isolation mandatory for any travel, air or road, within our province, both Labrador City and Wabush continue to work together to find ways of putting control measures in place to protect our residents. Any persons entering Labrador West by way of the Trans Labrador Highway or from Quebec via Route 500, for non-essential reasons should be required to self-isolate for 14 days; in addition, any persons arriving at the Wabush Airport should be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

You will notice over the next several days, signage will be erected at entry points of Labrador West, which include the highway and airport. While we may not be able to demand that those traveling into Labrador West from other areas of our province self-isolate, we can stress the importance of doing so.

Along with signage, we will have personnel in place, with proper PPE. Their main purpose will be to educate those traveling, encourage social distancing and strongly recommend self isolation when entering the Labrador West region. Information pamphlets will be provided to all, and will include how to practice social distancing, how to self-isolate, and information on the travel exemptions – which include essential medical and veterinary emergencies, essential workers and the transportation of essential goods.

Once again, these measures may be viewed by some as extreme, but we want to ensure that we are doing everything possible to protect our residents and keep this virus out of our region. Council and Municipal Staff have not taken these decisions lightly, but rest assured, we are doing everything in our power to keep you safe.

Thank you for your understanding and helping keep our communities safe!

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