



LABRADORWEST

Update on Highway & Airport Checkpoints for Covid-19

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Labrador City & Wabush, NL, April 26, 2020 – Council's with both Labrador City and Wabush remain committed to making the protection of our residents' top priority, especially during this pandemic.

On April 3, a checkpoint was established on Route 500 with signage and personnel put in place. The purpose of this checkpoint is to provide information on how to practice social distancing; this includes the guidelines set out by government, and also following restrictions put in place at the local businesses that you must visit; 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.

While we have been exploring options that would allow us permission to deny non-essential travellers access to Labrador West, the checkpoint as was established April 3rd will remain in effect status quo with nobody being turned away. In the meantime, we will continue to urge our governments to make self-isolation mandatory for any travel, air or road, within our province.

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. We want to ensure that we are doing everything possible to guard our residents and keep this virus out of our region.

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

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