

Municipalities urge residents to limit use of Mid-Pen Transit to essential trips only during the Stay-at-Home Order

Joint Release – Town of Penetanguishene and Town of Midland

April 15, 2021 – As we are all well aware, the Ontario Government issued a Stay-at-Home order effective Thursday, April 8 at 12:01 a.m. as a continued effort to protect the public's health and safety.

Transportation services are recognized as essential under the *Reopening Ontario Act* and are permitted to continue in all public health zones. However, it is important that we continue to do our part to limit the spread of COVID-19.

The Town of Penetanguishene and Town of Midland remind passengers to limit public transportation travel for essential purposes only. If you must use public transportation, please remember it is mandatory to wear a mask while on the bus and to sanitize your hands when boarding the bus.

"Vaccines continue to be rolled out to more and more eligible groups, and it's important that we all do what we can to continue to follow all health and safety protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19," said Mayor Stewart Strathearn, Town of Midland. "Now is not the time to drop our guard. Wear a mask, practice social distancing, wash your hands regularly, and please only leave your home for essential trips only."

"This has been a difficult year for all members in our surrounding communities.", said Mayor Doug Leroux, Town of Penetanguishene. "Over the next 28 days, please continue to be vigilant and follow the stay-at-home order as well as all other parameters in place to keep our community safe."

The Town of Midland and Town of Penetanguishene will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and provide updates regarding transportation on our websites at <u>Midland.ca/COVID-19</u> and

For more information on the state of COVID-19 in our area, please contact the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit their website at <u>simcoemuskokahealth.org</u>.

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