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Good evening Mayor and Council,

I am writing to provide a brief update on developments over the last 24 hours.

As you may have seen, the Provincial Health Officer announced a significant increase in cases province-wide. That expansion was in part a reflection of timing in availability of confirmed test results. She also declared a provincial health emergency and additional direction for social distancing. She stated that bars and clubs are not able to accommodate sufficient distancing and directed that they should close. Restaurants were ordered to ensure 2m distancing or restrict service to take-out and delivery. In general, businesses were advised to ensure that workplaces accommodate distancing for all staff and patrons.

Pursuant to the updated direction yesterday to restrict gatherings to less than 50 people, we are implementing a range of additional service restrictions as outlined in Sadhu's message earlier this afternoon.

We have a conference call briefing scheduled with you for tomorrow morning from 8:30 to 9:30. On that call we will provide a more comprehensive update on a number of key issues and answer questions, within the constraints of the available time.

Best,
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