



Legion and Impact of Coronavirus COVID-19

As the world grapples with the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19, organizations and employers everywhere are developing preparedness plans to address the potential operational impact by any confirmed cases in their jurisdiction. For the Legion, notwithstanding strategies that individual Commands and branches may have instituted for their employees, we have several large gatherings planned for 2020 (convention, track and field, etc) and it is incumbent on us to communicate our plans to ensure the safety of all participants at such events.

At the current time, it is **business as usual** for the Legion. Legion HQ is continually monitoring Health Canada for updates. As reported, "The Public Health Agency of Canada has assessed the public health risk associated with COVID-19 as low for Canada. Public health risk is continually reassessed as new information becomes available."

That means we are progressing with plans for the 2020 Dominion Convention in Saskatoon, the Legion National Youth Track & Field Championships in Sydney, NS, the April Dominion Executive Council meeting and all other programme activities. Provincial Commands and branches should also plan to move ahead with regional and local events, such as sporting championships, meetings or other activities that will see Legion members and other individuals gather. But it also means that we must remain vigilant in our monitoring of Health Canada as they continually re-assess the situation throughout the country. We are also monitoring provincial and international health agencies for updates. Should these updates necessitate a change in our plans, immediate communication throughout the organization will occur.

Each of us needs to be aware of the personal responsibility we have to protect ourselves, our family and our Comrades. Good resources from Health Canada include:

Coronavirus COVID-19: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

FAQs: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/frequently-asked-questions.html>

Fact Sheet: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/know-facts-about-coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>.

Travel Fact Sheet: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/2019-novel-coronavirus-information-sheet.html>

Comrades, our COVID-19 Response Protocol is being finalized and will be communicated soon to ensure the organization is fully prepared to take action if required.

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