

An Important Message from the Westport Weston Health District!!

It has come to the attention of the Health District that with school and other closings people are planning social gatherings and other activities. The intent of closing schools, business offices and other places people congregate is to prevent, or at least slow down, the spread of the highly transmissible COVID19. The school and other cancelations should not be viewed as a holiday and a time for partying and celebration. They are closed to facilitate voluntary social isolation which is an important tool in lowering the chance of exposure to an infectious disease.

What we have learned so far about COVID19 is that it is highly transmissible even in small groups. One does not have to “hug and kiss” to become infected. Just talking to someone that is infected, in close proximity, even someone without outward symptoms, can get one infected. It is already happening in our community.

Now that COVID19 is in the community you should assume that it is just about everywhere, because it can, and most likely is.

Social gatherings, large and small are discouraged until the virus has run its course. Those who continue to congregate without appropriate personal protective equipment and do not diligently practice the simple protective measures of washing hands, etc, – are the ones who will be getting sick.