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Weather



TODAY:
60% CHANCE OF SHOWERS
HIGH OF 19
LOW OF 12



TUESDAY:
MIX OF SUN AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 33
LOW OF 15



WEDNESDAY:
MIX OF SUN AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 33
LOW OF 15



THURSDAY:
60% CHANCE OF SHOWERS

HIGH OF 27
LOW OF 17



FRIDAY:
70% CHANCE OF SHOWERS

HIGH OF 24
LOW OF 7

Opening of the Mansonville public market for the 2020 season



THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

In the ever changing reality of the Covid pandemic and with directives for safety and well-being running rampant it is positive news to know that the Government has deemed public markets an essential service. Food producers could not agree more and are truly feeling that these community markets are more essential than ever!

"The great news is that the Mansonville public Market opened today, Saturday, May 23rd," shared Gwynne Basen who has long been the organizer of the market in Potton. "We are happy to offer a delicious range of farm fresh produce, meat, fish, cheese, eggs, yummy baked good, jams, jellies, sauces and more," she continues.

Today the market opened with a giant seedling sale giving folk the opportunity to get all of their vegetable and herb plants for gardens and balconies as well as beautiful flower baskets, shrubs, annuals and perennial flowers.

Organizers assure the public that all proper safety precautions will be put in place so people can shop safely and securely.

"Because of the unusual time we are living through," explains Basen. "There will be no café, musicians nor special events and we do request that you leave the kids at home," she added.

This will not dampen the spirit of the purpose of the market as getting the fresh local produce to the population is the goal of such initiatives. Even though the list of changes continues with organizers asking everyone to bring their own shopping bags and add a note that the toilet will be closed, supporting local producers and showing appreciation to those who are working so hard to make sure that healthy food is available to add to the table is vital.

"We have been and continue to be living through a truly challenging time but it has also given us the opportunity to connect with what really matters to us and be grateful for our

family, friends and community," Basen stressed.

The Potton and area has strived to rise above the realities faced and finding any ways of bringing back a bit of the "old normal" to mix with the new normal is the goal.

"The people of Potton, its services, merchants and municipal government has stepped up to this crisis and performed with flying colours and we are all so lucky to be part of this special place. The Public Market is looking forward to doing its part to make our lives the best they can be," Basen said.

The market will be open every Saturday from May 23rd through to Thanksgiving, 9 a.m. to noon at the Round Barn site in Mansonville. While safety guidelines and well-being are of the utmost importance, the opportunity to get out and support those with the best interest of the citizens at heart is a great way to begin the deconfinement as well as knowing you are purchasing quality fresh produce for your family.



COURTESY

Hospitals now permit caregivers

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The Quebec government has issued a directive authorizing visits by family caregivers to hospital centres under certain conditions.

A significant caregiver who was already present on a regular basis before the pandemic will be able to provide assistance and support to a person in a hospital centre.

Certain conditions apply

A family caregiver may provide support to a hospitalized person under the following conditions, among others (other conditions may apply depending on the sector):

The hospitalized person must have

had the support of the caregiver prior to the implementation of the visit restrictions imposed due to COVID-19;

Caregivers are only permitted to visit when the stay extends beyond 14 days of hospitalization;

No visitors or family caregivers are allowed for clients who are in intensive care or who have undergone surgery;

Flexibility could be introduced for vulnerable clients, such as geriatric clients or clients in a handicapped situation who require the assistance of a family caregiver;

Only one caregiver at a time;

In addition to showing no symptoms of COVID-19, the caregiver must respect infection prevention and control

measures, such as:

Hand sanitizing when entering and leaving the hospital and when entering and leaving the patient's room;

Wearing a face cover correctly upon entering the hospital and wearing it throughout the visit;

Limited movement within the hospital as much as possible.

Non-essential visits prohibited

Non-essential visits to hospitals are still not allowed.

The population is invited to consult santeestrie.qc.ca for complete guidelines on visits to CIUSSS de l'Estrie-CHUS facilities.

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