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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Message from Warden Sayeau, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville**

Warden Pat Sayeau is strongly recommending social distancing and staying home when possible.

The Warden participated in the Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) meeting Monday to hear updates from the Health Unit's Dr. Paula Stewart, Leeds and Grenville OPP officials, Fire Service, Counties Paramedic Service, Community and Social Services, Finance, Public Works departments, and Maple View Lodge, the Counties' long-term care facility. There have been no confirmed COVID-19 cases in Leeds and Grenville.

"I ask all of my fellow Mayors to strongly encourage people to follow the recommendations of Public Health and the provincial and federal governments," Warden Pat Sayeau said.

"We need to maintain social distancing and self-isolation as required, to reduce the spread of COVID-19," the Warden said. Dr. Stewart reporting ongoing testing is being done in this area.

#### **Critical Counties Services Maintained**

"The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville is maintaining all critical services and programs during this serious pandemic," said Counties Chief Administrative Officer Andy Brown.

"We are complying with all of the directives from our Medical Officer of Health, the province, and federal governments. We are implementing social distancing in the workplace by reducing staff working in our offices where possible," Brown said.

"Our paramedic Service and long-term care home continue to provide their critical services and so far, we are not experiencing any resource challenges," he said. "The Counties will continue to take any steps it can to manage the spread of COVID-19," Brown noted.

MECG is scheduled to meet again next Monday or sooner if required.

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