

CCI-MB COVID-19 Bulletin

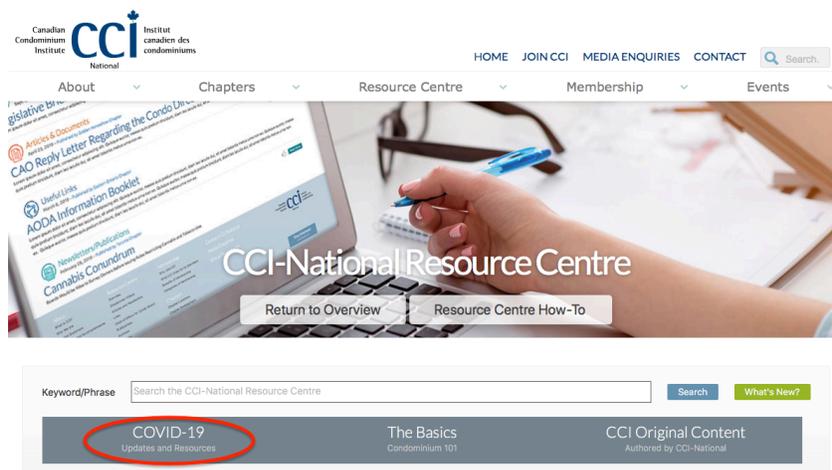
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Note that CCI Manitoba is not an organization that can provide medical advice or legal advice, nor is CCI a regulatory body that can direct condominium corporations to action. What follows is a survey of available information from across Canada related to the COVID-19 pandemic and possible implications for condominium corporations in Manitoba.

Now that we are in a pandemic situation we all should be concerned about staying healthy and keeping safe. Condominium corporations should keep abreast of the quickly changing status of the pandemic and plan accordingly for their communities. The risk certainly varies with the type of condo community – bare-land versus townhouse versus apartment style – in terms of how easy or difficult it is to achieve social distancing and self-isolation or quarantine. For example, are there shared or separate entrances? Does the community have a gym or common area for socializing? Are there shared surfaces that need more cleaning such as elevator buttons, railings and doorknobs? Considerations must also take into account the demographics of the community, in terms of the age of individual residents, any underlying health issues, lack of social supports from family and friends, mobility issues and the like.

Monitoring reliable sources of updated information is key. Two sources that should be used are the [Public Health Agency of Canada \(PHAC\)](#) and the [Province of Manitoba COVID-19 Status](#). These sites will provide the best guidance to keep healthy and slow the spread of the virus.

As to sources of information for condominium corporations, Manitoba with its relatively small condominium market does not seem to have much information available. A good source of information can be found in the CCI-National Resource Centre <https://cci.ca/resource-centre/overview>.



Additionally, one can look at the bigger market in Ontario to find a reasonable amount of guidance, including the following:

- The Association of Condominium Managers of Ontario (ACMO) has a news feed with several pertinent articles <https://acmo.org/news>
- CCI-Toronto bulletin <https://ccitoronto.org/news/view/covid-19-bulletin> which contains a link to the PHAC site and another link to some legal advice for their jurisdiction

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- Another CCI-Toronto related bulletin <https://davidsoncondolaw.ca/covid-19-and-condo-fees/> addressing the economic impacts in relation to condo fees and possible later payments
- An Ontario law firm specializing in condominiums has gone as far as putting together specific instructions for condominium corporations <https://www.elia.org/resources/articles/view/1106/covid-19-bulletin-no-3-immediate-protocols-to-be-implemented-by-condominiums>

There is a certainly lot to think about (and worry about), and hopefully some of the above information helps keeping you and your condominium community healthy, safe and secure.

Respectfully
Board of Directors
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