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The highlights of a special United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Council Meeting held on Thursday, May 14, 2020 are listed below.

Leeds Grenville Warden thanks frontline and essential workers:

Warden Pat Sayeau thanked United Counties of Leeds and Grenville essential and frontline workers for their continued commitment in keeping communities safe and services operating. The Warden gave a special thank you in his address to Counties Council to nurses in celebration of National Nursing Week.

Report from the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit:

The number of new community cases of COVID-19 remains low.

It is important to continue to practice physical distancing to protect yourself and others even as certain restrictions begin to be lifted, the Chief Medical Officer for the tri-county area said in her report. "These low numbers of people infected means that many people are practicing physical distancing," she said.

Dr. Stewart thanked the Leeds Grenville Paramedic Service for its significant assistance with COVID-19 testing via the Community Paramedicine program.

Maple View Lodge long-term care facility's pandemic plan activated:

One resident and one staff member have tested positive for COVID-19 following widespread testing at the Athens long-term care facility.

In a report to Counties Council, CAO Andy Brown said Maple View Lodge's Pandemic Plan has been activated. Maple View Lodge Administrator Tracy Jordan reported no new cases have been identified.

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The resident has been isolated and all precautions are being taken. The staff member who tested positive is isolated at home. Broad testing of the entire facility was completed last weekend by the Counties Paramedic Service. Re-testing has occurred since the cases were identified. The facility is closely monitoring staff and working with the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit and Medical Director.

No Waiting List at Emergency Child Care Centres:

Emergency Child Care Centres accessible to front-line essential workers who meet the eligibility criteria are in operation in both Brockville and Kemptville. There is currently no waiting list and staff continue to monitor the needs of the community. [Application form.](#)

Economic Development Department assists businesses preparing to re-open:

The Counties Economic Development department has been providing assistance to small and medium-size businesses as they maneuver through the various support programs available to them. A dedicated [COVID-19 Business Support webpage](#) has been established.

Emergency Declaration:

Warden Pat Sayeau declared a State of Emergency for Leeds and Grenville on Wednesday, April 8th at 1 p.m. For current information visit the [Counties COVID-19 Information webpage](#). The Municipal Emergency Control Group is continuing to meet bi-weekly to hear updates from the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit, area Police, Fire and the Paramedic Service as well as all Counties departments. The next meeting is Monday, May 25th.

Upcoming meetings: The next regular meetings will be the Committee of the Whole on June 9th, the Joint Services Committee on June 10th, and Counties Council on June 25th. All regular meetings begin at 9 a.m. in the Council Chambers at 25 Central Avenue, Brockville. For more information, contact County Clerk Lesley Todd at 613-342-3840, ext. 2454.

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