



**CITY ESTABLISHES HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES DURING COVID-19**

**Welland, ON** - The City of Welland has clear and concise guidelines in effect to help keep city staff better protected and from potentially exposing the COVID-19 Virus to colleagues or the public. The city requires any staff who have travelled outside of Canada after March 13, 2020, to self-isolate for 14 days. This precaution will help mitigate any potential spreading of the COVID-19 Virus and offer safer customer service to Niagara residents.

The city's Human Resources department also requests any staff who are in self-isolation to follow Niagara Region's Public Health protocols if experiencing fever, cough, or difficulty breathing. City staff have been advised to consult their health care providers should they experience any symptoms or have a travel history to any COVID-19 infected areas. Any staff exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms are advised to follow the same guidelines of 14-day isolation and to follow public health protocol.

The City of Welland's Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) is working to ensure city staff have a clean and secure work environment and are taking precautions to maintain the well-being of all employees. In response to maintaining social distancing, Welland's CLT has cancelled the March 24, 2020, General Committee Meeting held at Welland Civic Square. These guidelines will safeguard not only city staff, but also lower the risk of infection to people visiting Welland Civic Square and using Welland Transit.

**The following facilities and services will be closed until April 5, 2020:**

- The Jack Ballantyne Memorial Youth Arena & Main Arena
- The Welland Community Wellness Complex
- The Welland Public Library (*all three branches*)
- The Welland Museum
- The Welland International Flatwater Centre
- Welland Market Square (including Welland Farmers' Markets)
- Youngs Sportsplex
- Youth Innovations
- Chippawa Park Community Center
- Hooker St Community Center
- Cooks Mills Hall
- Carrie Lynn Pinard Centre
- Sports Complex on Quaker Road

To stay updated on closed city facilities, cancelled programs, services, and special events, visit <https://www.welland.ca/hottopics/COVID-19.asp>. For more information on City of Welland's strategies and procedures to lessen the impact of the COVID-19 Virus in Niagara, visit [welland.ca](http://welland.ca).

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