

Thursday, May 13, 2021
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



COVID-19 UPDATE: ONTARIO EXTENDS PROVINCE WIDE STAY-AT-HOME ORDER

Welland, ON – Premier Doug Ford, joined by Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Solicitor General Sylvia Jones, and Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health announced an extension of the stay-at-home order for an additional two (2) weeks.

This extension of the stay-at-home order is set to expire on June 2, 2021. Medical experts have been very clear that we need to stay the course right now as Ontario struggles with the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Reminder of stay-at-home orders in effect include:

1. You should only go out for necessities, such as:
 - the grocery store or pharmacy
 - health care services (including going to medical appointments or getting vaccinated)
 - outdoor exercise or walking pets in your community (As outdoor exercise is essential for physical and mental health, please use caution and follow all public health precautions)
 - work that cannot be done remotely
 - child care or school
2. Gathering Limits, all events and social gatherings:
 - you are not allowed to gather indoors with anyone you do not live with,
 - limit close contact to only members of your household (the people you live with). If you live alone, you can have close contact with only one other household,
 - you must stay at least two metres apart from everyone else and wear a mask or face covering,
 - you should not travel outside your region or the province unless absolutely necessary
3. Parks or recreational areas are open for the purposes of permitting persons to walk through or use portions of the park or recreational area. Waterway access is limited to personal recreation and we ask all to exercise cold water safety protocols.
4. Outdoor recreational amenities and multi-use fields that remain closed are as follows:
 - baseball diamonds,
 - soccer fields,
 - tennis, platform tennis, table tennis and pickleball courts,
 - basketball courts,
 - BMX/skate parks,
 - portions of parks or recreational areas containing outdoor fitness equipment

5. Playgrounds, play structures, and equipment can be used by children if both the children and their parents can maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from others (other than a person who is a member of the same household, a member of one other household who lives alone, or a caregiver for any member of either household).

Welland Farmers' Market will remain open, a limit of 20 customers per building is in effect. All visitors to the Market are asked to avoid social gathering both inside and outside the buildings.

The Welland Public Library remains open for curbside/contactless pickup only. Please call 905-734-6210, ext. 2521 to reserve materials and/or make a curbside appointment.

During normal business hours (Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM), concerns around enforcement of COVID-19 emergency orders please contact By-Law Enforcement Division at 905-735-1700 Ext. 2224; by email at bylaw_enforc@welland.ca. After 4:30pm, COVID-19 concerns should be directed to the Niagara Regional Police Service Non-Emergency Line at 905-688-4111; Option 1.

To access services during the Stay-at-Home order please visit welland.ca. For more information on Ontario's response to COVID-19, visit ontario.ca.

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