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**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**



**COVID-19 UPDATE: GATHERING LIMIT REMINDERS AND CITY PARKS UPDATE**

**Welland, ON** – Municipal Emergency Control Group urges all residents to stay safe and stay home. With the rising COVID-19 cases in Niagara, all are to follow the gathering restrictions set forth in the Declaration of Emergency and province wide stay-at-home order.

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

Gathering:

- 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.

Gathering Limits, all events and social gatherings:

- Indoors: not allowed, except with members of your household (or one other household if you live alone)
- Outside: 5 people
- Close contact with only members of your household (the people you live with) or if you live alone, you can have close contact with only one other household.

Parks Update

- All Welland Parks, Trails, playgrounds, and outdoor recreation spaces remain open for individual recreation and exercise. Please help keep the parks clean by taking all your garbage home for proper disposal.
- Gaiser Park Court will remain closed until the province wide stay-at-home order has concluded.

- Merritt Island washrooms will remain open and an enhanced cleaning schedule has been extended to three (3) times daily.
- All playground equipment at City Parks will undergo a second application of Aegis, an anti-microbial coating, prior to the summer season.
- If an outdoor recreational space is busy, please try another outdoor recreational amenity in the city or visit at a different time.

For further information on Ontario's COVID-19 public health measures and advice, visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/zones-and-restrictions>

For information on how to access City services during the Stay-at-Home order please visit [www.welland.ca](http://www.welland.ca).

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