



Township of Wainfleet

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NEWS RELEASE

INFORMATION UPDATE

For Immediate Release – April 7, 2020

Wainfleet Coronavirus COVID-19 - Update

Wainfleet, ON – The Township of Wainfleet's Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) continues to be partially activated in response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus in the Niagara Region.

CLOSURES:

Closure of Township facilities will remain in effect until further notice.

All Township buildings are closed to the public, though Township staff are still operating using telephone, digital capabilities and online presence to provide vital services to our community. Essential services are provided by pre-screened appointment only.

Until further notice, closures include:

- ALL playgrounds (schools & municipal), sports fields, off-leash dog parks, beaches, picnic areas, campsites, parks and outdoor recreational amenities
- Green spaces in parks, trails, ravines and conservation areas that aren't otherwise closed remain open for walk-through access, but physical distancing must be maintained

Under the provincial 'state of emergency,' non-essential workplaces, recreational programs, libraries, publicly funded schools, private schools, daycares, provincial parks, churches and other faith settings, as well as bars and restaurants (except those that restrict their service to takeout or delivery only) are to remain closed.

UPDATES:

In response to the dynamic growth of the COVID-19 pandemic, Wainfleet's Emergency Control Group (ECG) is working to protect the safety of all our residents by sharing the latest local updates and information from regional, provincial and national health authorities.

Seasonal Trailer Parks:

Seasonal trailer parks and recreational campgrounds are not listed as essential businesses and, as such, were required to be closed as of midnight Saturday April 4, 2020.

Over the weekend, Minister Clark provided [clarification](#) that for Ontarians whose only Canadian residence is at one of these seasonal trailer parks or campgrounds, they are permitted to continue their occupancy.

As well, those who fall into this group will be returning from another country and must complete their mandatory self-isolation as required by the mandatory isolation order made by the federal government under the Quarantine Act which took effect on March 25, 2020.

Campers and those who have recreational properties in the Township are asked not to come to Wainfleet at this time – all recreational campsites are closed. For their safety and the safety of the community, stay home and follow the advice of their local health authority.

Extension and Enforcement of Emergency Orders

The declaration of a Provincial Emergency and all Orders have now been extended and will be in effect until April 13th, 2020. Restrictions may be expanded or modified by the Government of Ontario. Check www.ontario.ca for the latest updates and detailed information.

ONLY - Grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants offering takeout only, & [businesses deemed essential](#) may currently remain open.

Gatherings of more than five (5) persons are prohibited, even inside private homes, by order of the Province. Exceptions exist for immediate families larger than five (5) people.

For all COVID 19 health matters and/or inquiries, please call the Public Health hotline at 905-688-8248 or 1 (888) 505-6074 (press option 7 then follow the prompts).

For Enforcement – **Do Not Dial 911**. Residents with enforcement concerns during business hours (08:30 am-4:30 pm) should call the municipality at 905-899-3463. After 4:30 pm, please call Niagara Regions Dispatch line at 905-984-3690 or 1-877-552-5579.

Complaints about businesses operating that are non-essential, or to inquire about what businesses are considered 'essential workplaces', contact the Stop the Spread Business Information Line at 1-888-444-3659.

On March 25, 2020, the federal government announced an Emergency Order under the federal Quarantine Act that requires any person entering Canada by air, sea or land to self-isolate for 14 days whether or not they have symptoms of COVID-19. They should monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days.

Concerns about individuals not abiding by the mandatory 14-day self-isolation following international travel, under the federal Quarantine Act, must be directed to Niagara Region Public Health. Call 905-688-3762, after hours: 905-984-3690, or submit [online](#).

Fines established by the province for offences under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMPCA)* begin at \$750 and range to a year in prison or \$100,000 for



an individual, \$500,000 for the director of a corporation and as high as \$10 million for a corporation.

Ontario Solicitor General Sylvia Jones has put measures in place to allow provincial offences officers to lawfully require an individual to disclose their correct name, date of birth and address the enforcement of the Emergency Orders, and a person who refuses to correctly identify themselves faces an additional fine of \$750. Measures also include provisions for failure to comply with an emergency order and obstruction of a person exercising their duties during an emergency.

INFORMATION:

- **Prevention of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)** - To prevent the spread of infectious diseases and to keep healthy, follow these simple steps:
 - Stay home
 - Wash your hands often – use soap and water or hand sanitize
 - avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
 - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or into your sleeve
 - Practice physical distancing - avoid close contact (within 2 metres) with people outside of your immediate families.
 - Avoid sharing personal items - especially those that come into contact with saliva, such as toothbrushes and eating utensils.
 - Clean and disinfect high touch surfaces regularly. Use a disinfectant and follow the manufacturer's instructions.

For the most up-to-date information on Township service delivery, closure and related information to COVID-19, residents are encouraged to go to www.wainfleet.ca.

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For more information, contact:

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