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COVID-19 UPDATE #111

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FEDERAL UPDATES

[Canada Child Benefit \(CCB\) Increasing](#) - The Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, announced that starting today the CCB will be increased again for the 2020–21 benefit year to keep pace with the cost of living. This is on top of the one-time additional \$300 per child qualified CCB recipients received with their May 2020 payment as part of the Government's response to COVID-19.

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

[Ontario Moving More Regions into Stage 3](#) - The Ontario government is allowing seven (7) more regions to enter Stage 3 on Friday, increasing the number of businesses and public spaces that will reopen across the province. This decision was made in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and is based on positive local trends of key public health indicators, including lower or low transmission of COVID-19, ongoing hospital capacity, public health capacity to conduct rapid case and contact management, and a significant increase in testing.

OTHER UPDATES

Health Unit Urges Well Owners to Test Their Water and Conserve Water During Low Water Conditions - With many of our conservation authorities declaring low water conditions across Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Counties, the Health Unit would like to inform well owners of risks to their well water supply. As water levels in the water table drop, some wells may draw contaminants from further away into your drinking water supply. In addition, soil may compact and pull away from well casings making them vulnerable to runoff when it does rain. In times of drought, well owners may notice changes in their water supply including quality and quantity.



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All private well owners are urged to [sample their wells](#) to ensure the bacteriological quality of their water has not changed. Water testing bottles are available at any of our Health Unit offices as well as other sites within the tri-county area including many municipal offices. Filled bottles can be returned to any Health Unit office or designated drop off site – [check our Well Water Sampling page for locations](#). Testing is free. Should your sample results indicate poor bacteriological quality, boil the water at a rolling boil for one minute and then cool and store safely for use. While disinfection of contaminated wells is often recommended, during low water conditions this process (which requires flushing) may result in your well running dry. Call the Health Unit to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this procedure – 1-800-660-5853.

