



CP SCOOP – February 8th, 2021

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

Provincewide Shutdown – Municipal Facilities Remain Closed – To comply with the Provincial Stay-at-home Order, the Town Hall will continue to be closed to the public until at least [February 16th, 2021](#). Even though the facility will be closed to the public, all departments are open for business. Please [contact staff by phone or email](#). The Arena, Pool, Canoe Club, Station Active Living Centre and the Library will also remain closed to the public until the Stay-at-home Order is lifted. The Library will continue to offer curbside pickup during this period. Details can be found on the [Library website](#).

Payments Owing to the Town - For any payments owing to the Town, options include online or telephone banking, mailing a cheque to the Town Hall or dropping a payment off in the mail slot at the Police Station located at 15 Coleman Street. We encourage residents to use these means of payment if at all possible. Town Hall does offer payment via credit card, however there is a 3% service charge on the value of the payment to recover costs. Please call 613-257-6200 to use this service.

With respect to parking tickets already issued, the timelines for payment and/or options to address the infraction can be found on the back of the ticket. These timelines are mandated by the Province.

With respect to amounts owing for taxes and water, we encourage payment by the means noted above if at all possible.

Additional Bag of Waste Extension - Council made the decision to extend the allowance of two (2) unstickered bags of waste per week, per household to **one week beyond the end of the Provincial shutdown period**. Provided the Stay-at-home Order is lifted in our region on February 16th, the final day of the extension period will be Friday, February 26th. Any additional bags will require a sticker. Residents can continue to use previously issued green stickers.

Family Day Waste Collection – February 15th, 2021 - Due to the Family Day Holiday, garbage & recycling collection that normally occurs on Monday, February 15th will **instead occur on Tuesday, February 16th, 2021**.

For more information about garbage & recycling collection in the Town of Carleton Place, please visit our website, www.carletonplace.ca or download the free Carleton Place Waste Solutions App from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store to receive information & reminders about waste and recycling collection.

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

[Ontario Extending Stay-at-Home Order across Most of the Province to Save Lives - Public Health Units to Gradually Return to the COVID-19 Response Framework](#) - In consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the government is moving to a regional approach and maintaining the [shutdown](#) in the majority of the public health regions in Ontario, including the [Stay-at-Home order](#) and all existing public health and workplace safety measures. When it is safe to do so, the province will gradually transition each region from the shutdown measures to a revised and strengthened [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#) (the "Framework").

To support the province's economic recovery, the government has updated the Framework to allow for a safer approach to retail. Limited in-person shopping in Grey-Lockdown zones will be permitted with public health and safety measures, such as limiting capacity to 25 percent in most retail settings. In addition, public health and safety measures in retail settings will be strengthened for other levels of the Framework. Individuals will also be required to wear a face covering and maintain physical distance when indoors in a business, with limited exceptions.

Other measures include a requirement for individuals to wear a face covering when attending an organized public event or gathering (where permitted) if they are within two metres distance of another individual who is not part of their household (both indoor and outdoor). All other requirements for gatherings and organized public events would be maintained.

Based on the improving local trends of key indicators, including lower transmission of COVID-19, improving hospital capacity, and available public health capacity to conduct rapid case and contact management, the following three regions will be moving back to the Framework at the Green-Prevent level on Wednesday, February 10th, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. and will no longer be subject to the [Stay-at-Home order](#):

- Hastings Prince Edward Public Health;
- Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health; and
- Renfrew County and District Health Unit.

Due to the fact that public health trends are improving in some regions faster than others, the current Stay-at-Home order will be amended and individual orders making it applicable to each public health region will be made except for the three (3) above. It is proposed that the Stay-at-Home order will continue to apply to 28 public health regions until Tuesday, February 16th, 2021. For Toronto, Peel and York regions, it is proposed that the Stay-at-Home order will continue to apply until Monday, February 22nd, 2021. Final decisions will be subject to review of the trends in public health indicators at that time.

[Ontario Expands Emergency Child Care to More Frontline Workers - Government offers benefit at no cost in regions where students continue to learn remotely](#) - Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, issued a statement regarding the provision of emergency child care services.

OTHER UPDATES

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit - Tips for Keeping Your Workplace Safe during the Covid-19 Pandemic - Workplace outbreaks do happen even here in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark. We have seen workplace outbreaks across multiple sectors including the food industry,

manufacturing, the trades, automotive etc. A COVID-19 outbreak in a workplace can potentially close your business or reduce productivity due to the lack of available workers.

Ontario has now identified new variants of COVID-19 in multiple jurisdictions of the Province. These new variants spread quicker and easier than the original variant of COVID-19. It is very important for workplaces to take necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the workplace.

Below are some tips to help keep your workplace healthy:

1. Have a screening process in place. Ask employees to screen themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 every day. Be sure to screen visitors, inspectors and contractors that come into your facility to conduct work. The government of Ontario has created a worker and employee screening tool to assist <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/screening/worker/>
2. Sick employees must stay home. If employees start feeling unwell at work, immediately have them go home and encourage them to self-isolate themselves from others and get tested at a local assessment centre. COVID-19 assessment centre locations can be found at <https://healthunit.org/health-information/covid-19/assessment-testing-results/>
3. There are no social “bubbles” in the workplace. It is important to take a look at your workplace setting, whether it is indoors or outdoors, to ensure that employees are not in close contact. Those that can work from home should be encouraged to do so to reduce numbers in the workplace. Set up staggered schedules to reduce contacts. Maintain the same groups or crews to minimize contacts if there is a positive case in your workplace. Ensure work stations are a minimum of 2 metres (6 feet) apart. During those times when it is not possible to maintain 2 metres (6 feet) separation, employees must wear a mask. If employees must be within 2 metres (6 feet) of a person who is not wearing a mask, they should add eye protection as well. Keep records of visitors and contractors who may be working or visiting and interacting with your employees - this will help with contact tracing should you have a positive case in your workplace.
4. Use of Masks. Well fitted cloth masks are critical to reduce the risk of COVID19 transmission. They are an added level of protection, in addition to the other safety measures. Everyone at a minimum should wear a two (2) layered mask with tightly woven material with at least two types of material used in the mask; some workplaces require medical masks as well as eye protection.
5. Remember to consider your lunch and break areas. These areas should also be set up to allow employees to maintain a distance of at least 2 metres (6 feet) from every other person. Break areas are areas where employees tend to remove their masks to eat, drink and visit. These common areas have been the source of COVID-19 transmission in workplaces.
6. All workplaces are required to have a workplace safety plan. This plan will help identify areas where employees may be at risk of contracting COVID-19 and the precautions necessary to prevent COVID-19 transmission. A template and an example can be found on our website at <https://healthunit.org/health-information/covid-19/business-re-opening/>.
7. If you do become aware of a worker that tests positive, contact the local public health unit for advice on next steps. Public health will provide guidance on testing and isolation of those who may have been exposed.

Sector specific guidance and resources to prevent COVID-19 in the workplace can be found at the Government of Ontario Website <https://www.ontario.ca/page/resources-prevent-covid-19->

[workplace](#). For local information about COVID-19 visit our website at www.healthunit.org.

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit - Local COVID-19 Vaccine Status for February 8th, 2021

What was done last week?

- Due to a delay in the Moderna shipment, no clinics were held this week.
- From February 1st – February 7th: 0 individuals received the vaccine this week.
- A **total of 1717** individuals have received a vaccine (either through the KHSC Clinic, the Ottawa Hospital Clinic or one of our mobile clinics)

What is the plan for this week?

- Continued to roll out Stage 1 of the [Leeds, Grenville and Lanark COVID – 19 Vaccine Distribution and Administration Roll Out Plan](#) for residents only.
- Continue to work with local hospitals, EMS, medical first responders and assessment centre staff to prepare them for Stage 2 of the [Leeds, Grenville and Lanark COVID – 19 Vaccine Distribution and Administration Roll Out Plan](#).
- Continue to plan and secure locations for our four (4) fixed immunization clinic sites in preparation for mass community clinics.
- NOTICE: We do not offer door-to-door COVID-19 vaccinations; if you receive a call in regards to someone coming to the house to provide a vaccination, contact your local police at the non-emergency phone number as it may be a scam.

What are we working on for next week?

- Work on getting fixed site established to be able to provide vaccine to LTCH and HR RH staff and essential care givers as part of Stage 1 roll out.
- Continue to work with local hospitals, EMS, medical first responders and assessment centre staff to prepare them for Stage 2 of the [Leeds, Grenville and Lanark COVID – 19 Vaccine Distribution and Administration Roll Out Plan](#).

What can I do now?

- **Get informed** visit [COVID-19 Protection and Vaccine](#)
- **Stay healthy**
 - Follow COVID precautions – wear a mask, keep the 2m/6ft distance from others, follow Stay-at-home Order
 - Stay home if sick and contact the Assessment Centres for testing;;
 - Ensure your other immunizations are up to date
 - Discuss any concerns with your health care provider, here is the link to consent form [COVID-19 Vaccine Screening and Consent Form \(gov.on.ca\)](#)
- **Be patient.** It will take time for COVID-19 vaccines to be distributed to everyone in the community. Each group will be specifically identified and notified in advance to plan for vaccination – information will be posted on our website, social media, local media, and through healthcare and community partners – you won't be missed!

The Health Unit's [COVID-19 Distribution and Administration Roll Out Plan](#) helps facilitate the efficient and effective delivery of the COVID-19 vaccine in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark and aligns with the [Ministry of Health's COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan](#).

For more detailed information and FAQs about the vaccine visit the [COVID-19 Protection and Vaccine](#) section of our website.