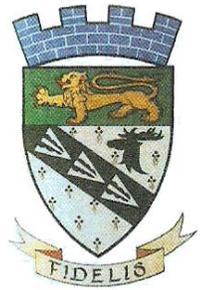


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## COVID-19 UPDATE #10

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The Town of Carleton Place continues to monitor new information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. We thank all residents who are following the directives from the Medical Officer of Health, and Federal and Provincial Governments to self-isolate when returning from out-of-country travel and monitoring themselves for symptoms for up to 14 days and for practicing social (physical) distancing.

### **Provincial Government Updates**

The Provincial Government has released a list of essential workplaces in response to COVID-19. Any business not included on the list, is expected to close. See complete list [here](#)

Premier Ford also announced today an electricity relief plan for families, small business and farms during COVID-19. Further details will be provided in tomorrow's update.

### **OPP Tips For Businesses Closing Due To COVID - 19**

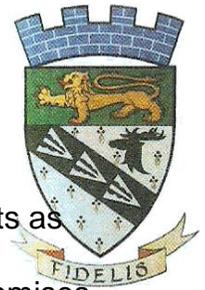
As many non-essential businesses are ordered to close by midnight tonight, the Lanark County OPP has a few tips for owners to protect their businesses and contents:

- Remove all valuables from storefront displays
- Remove all cash from tills and leave open with the cash tray out and visibly empty
- Ensure alarm systems are working and all contact lists are up-to-date
- Post on doors/windows that the premises are monitored by an alarm company and that no money is kept on the premises. Include the 1-888-310-1122 number to call the OPP should anyone notice a break-in or damage
- Clean all windows and floors prior to leaving and note when you've done so (have a log) as this will help investigators should there be a break-in
- Consider a surveillance system which can be monitored remotely by phone/online
- Consider putting a laminate on all windows/glass to discourage and help prevent easy entry
- Keep some lighting on inside to help with video surveillance and consider lighting on timers if possible



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- Ensure all doors and windows are locked and secure
- Ensure all exterior lighting is functioning and on – consider motion sensor lights as another option
- Remove anything on the exterior which could be used to gain entry to your premises (bricks, ladders, poles, construction materials)
- Regularly check the building and keep track of when you check (have a log) but go at different times
- Like your home, if it looks cared for and looks like someone is home or around regularly, thieves will move on to other locations

Lanark OPP requests we all help to keep our families/communities/businesses safe and secure. If you see any suspicious activity around a business that you know are closed or any homes where people aren't around, call police or report online if not in progress.

## **Slowing the Spread of COVID-19 While Grocery Shopping**

The Leeds, Grenville, Lanark District Health Unit has suggested the following practices which will also help reduce your exposure in the grocery store setting, and protect those who are providing this vital service.

**If you are sick do not go out and shop. STAY HOME.**

**If you have arrived home from travelling, DO NOT SHOP, ask a friend or family member to help or** Take advantage of on-line curb side services or grocery delivery services

### **Keep Clean**

- Clean the handle of your cart
- Bring your own wipes and hand sanitizer, although the stores have been trying hard to keep a public stock the supplies are short.
- Wash or sanitize your hands as you enter and after to get into your car
- If you use reusable bags or containers, clean and sanitize these between uses

### **Keep your distance**

- Avoid shopping in large groups
- Keep your distance from other shoppers and employees while in the store, 2 arms-length from each other is an easy way to measure your distance.
- Avoid common greetings, such as handshakes. Use a simple wave and a smile
- If the grocery store seems busy, come back another time to prevent large gatherings
- Offer to grocery shop for those who are self-isolating or those who may be at higher risk like older adults and those in poor health

### **Keep Safe**

- Remember everyday food safety practices such as separating raw meat from ready to eat food in your cart
- Wash fruits and vegetables when arriving home and before eating
- **Please do not hoard, when you do this your friends and neighbours may go without.**

