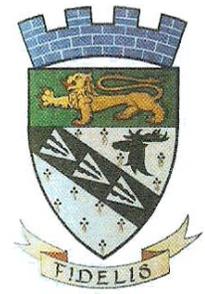


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COVID-19 UPDATE #21

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The Town of Carleton Place continues to monitor new information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

LEEDS, GRENVILLE AND LANARK DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT UPDATES

On March 28, 2020 the Provincial Order made under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act was amended. The amendments strengthen the order issued on March 17, 2020 to include the prohibition of “organized public events including parades, events including weddings, social gatherings and communal services within places of worship” which prohibits gatherings of more than 5 people.

The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit recognizes that faith communities provide support during difficult times; however drawing people together either inside or outdoors increases the risk of transmission of COVID-19. Significant religious holidays are quickly approaching and often these are accompanied by practices, ceremonies, rituals, and celebratory gatherings. The provincial order **does** include these in the prohibition of organized public events. Activities such as Easter meals, egg hunts and ceremonies cannot take place; these types of activities encourage social gatherings. Community meals providing food to our vulnerable populations may continue on a takeout and delivery basis provided they have received Health Unit approval.

Getting out for a walk is completely acceptable at this time (as long as you are not under quarantine or self-isolation due to illness or exposure). Fresh air and exercise will help your body manage stress. Be sure to keep your distance from others (2m/6ft) and don't forget to do a tick check.

For more information, visit the Health Unit website at www.healthunit.org or call 1-800-660-5853 or connect with LGLHealthUnit on Facebook and Twitter.



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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UPDATES

Prime Minister Trudeau [announced \\$40 million in funding](#) to women's shelters and sexual assault centres across the Country to support women who are fleeing violence. They have also invested \$10 million in emergency shelters for Indigenous women and children fleeing violence. Shelters under the Reaching Home Program will receive \$157 million for the purchase of physical barriers, additional beds or the rental of additional space.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT UPDATES

Following the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ontario government has revised the [list of businesses classified as essential](#). The government is ordering all businesses not covered by the updated Emergency Order to close to by 11:59p.m on Saturday, April 4. This closure will be in effect for 14 days, with the possibility of an extension as the situation evolves.

Additional Provincial Announcements:

- [Minister of Education Statement on Tentative Agreement with OCEW](#)
- [Ontario Protecting Seniors in Retirement Homes During Covid-19 Outbreak](#)
- [Ontario Provides Full Transparency by Releasing COVID-19 Modelling](#)
- [Ontario Takes Steps to Keep Food on the Table during COVID-19](#)
- [Ontario Protecting Vulnerable Ontarians During COVID-19 Outbreak](#)

VALLEY HEARTLAND SUPPORT FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

To help weather the stress of the COVID-19 pandemic on local small and medium-sized businesses, Valley Heartland reduced lending rates to prime, developed a simplified application, and waived all application and admin fees on loans up to \$15,000. Visit their [website](#) for more detailed information.

