



# Media Release

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## **Perth East Transition to Orange-Restrict Zone: Re-Opening of Township Facilities**

**February 17, 2021-** The Province of Ontario has ended the second state of emergency and stay-at-home order (effective February 16, 2021). Perth East continues to assess the situation and interpret the rules surrounding Ontario's emergency declaration. As the province-wide shutdown is lifted, the Township of Perth East has moved in the Orange Restrict Zone as of February 16, 2021, as part of a cautious and gradual return to the [Ontario colour-coded response framework](#).

Township facilities will re-open under the Orange Restrict category, however, these facilities will operate under various restrictions, including controlled access, health screenings and capacity limits. Before attending any facility please check ahead to identify what protocols may be in place.

### **Administration building:**

We encourage the public to continue to use remote access for services whenever possible. The Administration Office will re-open to in person transaction on February 22, 2021 at 8:30am. Staff will also be available by phone or email. Residents can utilize the drop box at the entrance of Council Chambers at any time.

### **Perth East Recreation Complex:**

The Perth East Recreation Complex will re-open for bookings and programs on February 22, 2021. All programs require pre-registration. The ice has been removed and will be out until September.

### **Council and Committee Meetings:**

Council, Board and Committee meetings will proceed virtually as scheduled. All scheduled meetings can be found on the website [Council highlights](#). For more information, please contact Municipal staff at 519-595-2800.

### **Waste and Wastewater:**

Water and Wastewater, Landfill and Road Operations will continue with the measures that are currently in place. We continue to recommend that residents use curbside pickup services and limit trips to the landfill.

## **Building and Planning:**

Building permit and inspection services are continuing. It is noted that further clarification is anticipated from the Province which may lead to the need for some adjustment to these services

## **Fire Services:**

Fire response, prevention and education services will continue as already modified.

## **Library Services:**

As of February 16th, the library has re-opened its doors to the public. During opening hours, customers can browse the collection, use public computers, and access free Wi-Fi by appointment. Contactless curbside pickup of holds will still be available during regular hours. Visitors are required to wear a mask or face covering as per requirements by the Huron Perth Public Health. Please visit our website at [pertheast.library.on.ca](http://pertheast.library.on.ca) for further information.

## **COVID Response:**

The Township will continue our standardized approach in following the provincial regulations as we transition through different categories under the five colour zones within the [COVID-19 response framework: keeping Ontario safe and open](#). The province considers several factors, including weekly case rate per population, re-infection rate, and ICU capacity.

As more services, businesses, and activities throughout Perth East are able to re-open under the framework, there is risk of increased cases of COVID-19 in the community, including cases of new variants. Residents are reminded to continue to stay at home as much as possible, limit close contacts, wear a non-medical mask or face covering, and avoid social gatherings.

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