



# Media Release

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## **Perth East Transition to Yellow-Protect Level**

**March 3, 2021-** The Huron Perth Public Health region has transitioned to the Yellow-Protect level of the Provincial COVID-19 Response Framework as of March 1, 2021, as part of a cautious and gradual return to the [Ontario colour- coded response framework](#).

Township facilities are open under the Yellow-Protect 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 is open to in person transactions. 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 & Shakespeare Optimist Hall:**

The Perth East Recreation Complex and Shakespeare Optimist Hall are now open for bookings and programs. 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:**

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 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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