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COVID-19 AND TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH FACILITY CLOSURE UPDATES

Puslinch – The Province of Ontario moved the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Region back into the Red-Control category of the Provincial framework effective at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday February 16th, 2021.

As experienced previous to the Province-wide lockdown, Provincial Red/Control measures include strict gathering limits, impacts to sports and recreation, increased screening at businesses and more.

The Township has ice available for skating at the Optimist Recreation Centre rink. All pertinent rules regarding the use and protocols under the Red designation are available on the Township's website and on-site. The use of the ice is available for **Wellington County** residents only. In Red Control level, based on the size of the facility, ice use is reduced to 10 participants. No games or scrimmages.

All participants must be 2 meters apart while on the ice and while in the facility.

The Township will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments to services as needed. Any changes in operations will continue to be communicated and posted on the Township's website.

Quick Facts:

- This Framework has been implemented across the Province in order to help avoid broader closures and allow for additional public health and workplace safety measures to be introduced or removed incrementally.
- It categorizes public health unit regions into five levels and outlines the types of public health and workplace safety measures for businesses and organizations for each level. These include targeted measures for specific businesses, institutions and other settings.
- Adjustments to the category each public health unit is in under the Framework will be decided by the Provincial government using indicators to assess the previous two weeks of information, or sooner if there is a rapidly worsening trend and by looking at local context and conditions. Thresholds within a region may not all be met at the same time; decisions about moving to new measures are based on overall risk assessment by government with input from local medical officers of health.

This is a rapidly evolving situation; discussions and decisions are being made on an ongoing basis. Any changes in operations will be communicated and posted to the Township's website at www.puslinch.ca.

- Please note, our offices will remain closed to the public until further notice
- For a fire, police, or ambulance related emergency, please call 911.
- To reach our after-hours emergency service for a Township road or facility maintenance related emergency, please call 519-763-1226 ext. 6.
- Township staff will continue to be available to assist and service residents by electronic means only. Business can be conducted on-line by email at services@puslinch.ca or admin@puslinch.ca or by phone by calling 519-763-1226.
- Township Building Officials will continue to be available regarding permits and for inspections. These appointments can be booked or cancelled by emailing services@puslinch.ca.
- Taxes can be paid through financial institutions via internet or telephone banking.
- Burn permits can be purchased online at www.puslinch.ca.
- Additionally, there is a secure 24/7 mail drop box at the Township Municipal Office, located at 7404 Wellington Road 34, Puslinch Ontario.

- All Township parks, playgrounds, trails, and outdoor amenities remain open. All Provincial and Health Unit requirements must be complied with including the required physical distancing.

The Township is making every effort possible to uphold a strong level of customer service during this time. This includes continuity of essential services such as fire and road maintenance on a priority basis to support our community.

For more information on the Province wide shut down, please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-response-framework-keeping-ontario-safe-and-open>

For more information on COVID-19, and tips on taking care of your mental health during physical distancing and social isolation, please contact Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health at 1-800-265-7293 or visit www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca.

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