

VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD COVID-19 UPDATE: Mayor's Message, June 5, 2020



The Village of Point Edward's response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve based on orders issued by the provincial and federal government and the latest information from Lambton Public Health. Please monitor the [Village's website](#) and Facebook Page for updated information as things are changing quickly. Your safety and security remains our top priority.

Ontario Extends Declaration of Emergency

Earlier this week, the Ontario legislature approved an extension of the provincial Declaration of Emergency to **June 30**. The decision was made in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health to support the government's efforts to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak and protect the health and safety of Ontarians as the province reopens in a measured and responsible way.

The Declaration of Emergency may be further extended with the approval of the legislature, as set out in the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. A full list of emergency orders can be found on the [e-Laws website](#) under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and at Ontario.ca/alert.

COVID-19 Assessments Broadly Available for Sarnia-Lambton Residents

COVID-19 testing is now available to all Sarnia-Lambton residents who would like to be tested, regardless of symptoms. Please note that the test can only tell if you have COVID-19 at the time of the test and will not tell you if you had COVID-19 in the past.

A [list of assessment centres](#), including contact information and hours of operation, can be found on Lambton Public Health's website. Drive-through testing is available at the Sarnia location on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., no appointment required, and at the Petrolia location by appointment. Walk-in tests are available in Sarnia, Monday to Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Do not delay testing if you have symptoms.

Curbside Pickup to Begin Next Week at the Point Edward Library

CONTACTLESS CURBSIDE PICKUP SERVICE



Point Edward's Library is one of 13 Lambton County Library locations that will have temporary operating hours beginning next week to provide a new contactless curbside pickup service to the community. Point Edward's location will be open for curbside pickup only on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Materials can be ordered online at www.lclibrary.ca or by calling the branch—Point Edward's location can be reached at 519-336-3291. For detailed instructions on how to use the new contactless service, please visit [Lambton County Library's website](#).

A [FAQ page](#) is also available and provides information about the safety measures that will be taken and the other locations that are offering this service.

Collection of Bulk Items Has Resumed in Point Edward

Bulk items such as furniture and household appliances will be picked up at the curb on regularly scheduled garbage collection dates: Tuesdays year round and Fridays from June 1–September 30. Refrigeration units must have doors removed and units must be purged and visibly tagged by a licensed technician. Additional garbage collection information can be found on the back of your Village calendar.

SCRCA Begins Phased-in Opening of the 2020 Camping Season

Ontario has opened seasonal camping to families with trailers and RVs in place at private campgrounds or conservation areas under a full season contract. The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) is initiating a phased-in opening of the 2020 camping season at their three regional campgrounds: A.W. Campbell, Lorne C. Henderson and Warwick Conservation Areas.

Overnight stays for **seasonal campers** will be allowed beginning on Friday, June 5. Campers are asked to use the washroom facilities in their trailers as washroom and shower facilities will remain closed until further notice. All swimming pools will be closed for the duration of the 2020 season and recreational facilities will be reduced.

SCRCA staff continue to follow provincial guidelines and will open campgrounds to transient camping when permitted and when all necessary safety precautions are in place. Campers are also reminded that opening dates are subject to change based on the status of the ongoing pandemic and recommendations by local health authorities. Please visit <https://www.scrca.on.ca/> for more information.

- **Before visiting, check for safety practices that are in place and what facilities are open.**
- **Bring all supplies so you don't have to make extra stops or trips.**
- **Limit camping activities to 5 people, unless you live in the same household.**



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Appointment Required for Municipal Office Visits

The Point Edward Municipal Office is open by appointment only at this time. If you require assistance, please call 519-337-3021. If we cannot resolve your request by phone, we will schedule you an appointment to visit the office. All visitors will be required to complete a screening questionnaire prior to entering the office.

Our diligent adherence to public health measures has helped to flatten the curve and slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community, readying us for a gradual reopening. Let's continue the physical distancing and healthy practices to support the safety and success of our first stage of reopening.

– Mayor Bev Hand