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 Emergency Orders**

In consultation with Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ontario government has extended all emergency orders currently in force that were made under s.7.0.2(4) of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act to **July 22, 2020**. A full list of emergency orders in force is available at [ontario.ca/alert](http://ontario.ca/alert).

**Assessment of Technical Brief Does Not Support Mandatory Mask Use Locally**

A technical brief released by Lambton Public Health examining the case for mandatory mask use determined that the evidence and local context does not support the mandatory public use of masks in a community setting at this time in Lambton County. Details are provided in Lambton Public Health's [press release](http://example.com).

Where physical distancing may be challenging or not possible, such as while using public transportation, visiting smaller grocery stores or pharmacies, or in a small, confined space with poor ventilation, people can consider wearing non-medical masks or face coverings. Most importantly, people should stay at home when ill. The most common source of transmission of COVID-19 in Lambton County occurs between close contacts (e.g. household members or during social activities) and outbreaks in institutional settings. Visit [Lambton Public Health's website](http://example.com) for resources on how to properly use, clean, and dispose of non-medical face masks and coverings.

**Mackinac Race Taking Place Saturday, July 11**

This year’s Mackinac Race will take place on Saturday, July 11. Community members planning to visit Point Edward’s waterfront to watch the race day vessels, which can typically be viewed coming out of the Black River beginning around 9 a.m., are reminded to practice physical distancing.

**Water Bills Due July 27**

The second quarter water bills were mailed on June 30, and payments are due on Monday, July 27. If you have not received your bill, you can contact our office at (519) 337-3021 to find out the amount owing.