

VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD
COVID-19 UPDATE:
Mayor's Message, July 23, 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.

Lambton County Progressing to Stage 3 on Friday, July 24

The Ontario government is allowing Lambton County, along with six other regions, to move into Stage 3 on Friday, July 24, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. For regions in Stage 3, gathering limits will increase to a maximum of 50 people indoors and a maximum of 100 people outdoors, with physical distancing in place. Gathering limits apply to all social gatherings and events, as well as some higher risk activities and venues. To learn more about Stage 3 of reopening, please visit [ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca).

Lambton Public Health is reminding the community that COVID-19 is still present in Lambton County, amidst the relaxing restrictions. We must remain diligent in following public health safety measures, especially with the increased activity in the community that is expected in Stage 3. Public health safety measures include staying home when sick, practicing physical distancing with anyone outside your social circle, practicing good hand hygiene, and following all safety measures in place at the businesses and facilities you visit. Individuals, employees and business owners are also reminded of the recommendation to wear a face covering or mask if physical distancing cannot be achieved.



- Stay 2 metres apart.
- Wash/disinfect your hands.
- Cover your cough.
- Wear a mask when you cannot physically distance.

Canada-U.S. Border to Remain Closed Until at Least August 21

Canada and the United States have once again agreed to extend the current restrictions in place along the border by at least 30 days. The previous extension was set to expire on July 21 and the latest extension will keep the restrictions in place until August 21. The agreement was first reached in March to temporarily close the border to non-essential travel while keeping it open to commercial traffic and essential workers who cross for work.

Application of Interest to Resume on Overdue Tax and Water Accounts

Please note that the application of interest to Village of Point Edward tax and water accounts that are overdue is set to resume in August. At Council's direction, interest application has been suspended for the past four months and was last applied at the beginning of March.

Village of Point Edward Hydrant Flushing to Take Place August 4–14



The Village of Point Edward will be flushing hydrants August 4–14, 2020. As this procedure may cause temporary discoloration of the water supply, customers are advised to let their water run a short period until it is clear before using it for drinking, cooking, and laundry.

As this may also cause a slight reduction in water pressure, buildings with alarms on their fire systems should notify their alarm companies prior to this time.

Cooling Centre Ready to Operate on Days Declared a Heat Event

The Village of Point Edward will operate a cooling centre on days declared a heat event by Lambton Public Health. The volunteer-supervised cooling centre will be located in Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 135 Kendall Street, and will be available from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on the days it is needed.

COVID-19 Assessments Broadly Available for Sarnia-Lambton Residents

A [list of assessment centres](#), including contact information and hours of operation, can be found on Lambton Public Health's website. Do not delay testing if you have symptoms.

3 W's to Reduce the Risk of COVID-19

[PreventEpidemics.org](https://www.preventepidemics.org) reminds you to practice the 3 W's that can make a big difference in controlling COVID-19:

Wear a mask,
Wash your hands,
Watch your distance.



Our diligent adherence to public health measures has slowed the spread of COVID-19 in our community, allowing us to progress to the third stage of reopening. As we enter Stage 3, with additional restrictions loosening and more amenities open to the public, it is crucial that we continue physical distancing and healthy practices. There is concern regarding an increase in cases across Canada in individuals belonging to the 20-49 age group. Please be vigilant and remind your family and friends of the importance of adhering to preventive practices. How well we follow public health advice will determine whether our community experiences a safe and successful reopening or a surge in cases and a second wave of the virus. – **Mayor Bev Hand**