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.

**Bluewater Health Welcomes Limited Family and Care Partners**

Services and programs are being gradually re-established by Bluewater Health amid the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, and limited family and care partners are being welcomed to the hospital to visit patients who would most benefit from the presence of a family/care partner. Priority is given to patients with a critical illness or serious medical condition; whose physical care and mental health would best be supported by the family and care partner; who require a support person due to their medical state; or where discharge and health teaching of hands-on skills is needed to care for the patient at home.

While one family/care partner is permitted, restrictions otherwise remain in place. For further details and requirements, please read Bluewater Health’s news release.

**Library Materials Borrowed Before COVID-19 Closures Due by July 15**

Lambton County Library materials borrowed before the provincial order to close in March are due by **Wednesday, July 15, 2020**. Please return items to a drop box at any of the 25 Lambton County Library locations.

**Beach Safety**

Thinking of a beach day? Lambton Public Health recommends checking with the local municipality to find out the hours and rules for the beach you’re planning to visit. Try to avoid going during peak times and remember to maintain physical distancing with those outside of your social circle—many communities are closing their beaches again due to a lack of physical distancing being practiced.

**Volunteers Needed for Cooling Centre at the Community Hall**

The Village of Point Edward is looking for volunteers to help operate a cooling centre at the Community Hall on days declared a heat event by Lambton Public Health. The cooling centre would operate from 10 a.m.—4 p.m. and volunteers would work in pairs to register visitors and have them answer the required COVID-19 screening questions. Volunteers would be asked to commit to a three hour shift when a heat event occurs. If you’re interested in volunteering, please email Jim Burns, jburns@villageofpointedward.com, or call the office: (519) 337-3021.

Let’s continue the physical distancing and healthy practices to support the safety and success of this stage of our reopening.

– Mayor Bev Hand