

VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD COVID-19 UPDATE: Mayor's Message, August 21, 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.

Village Council Passes Mandatory Face Covering By-Law

At a special meeting held on August 20, 2020, the Council of the Village of Point Edward passed a [By-Law requiring face coverings](#) in all indoor public spaces. The By-Law will take effect at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Business owners and operators of indoor public spaces have the right to be more restrictive than the new By-Law if they wish.



Please remember that not everyone is able to safely wear a mask and be understanding if you encounter someone who isn't wearing one. Other preventative measures, such as hand hygiene and physical distancing, should continue to be practiced whether a mask is worn or not. [Lambton Public Health's website](#) has links to a variety of helpful resources regarding proper mask use and care.

Ontario Extends Orders Under the Reopening Ontario Act, 2020

In consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ontario government has extended orders currently in force under the Reopening Ontario Act, 2020 (ROA) to September 22, 2020, with the following exceptions:

- The Education Sector order will end on August 31, 2020.
- The Limitation Periods order will end and suspended time periods will resume running on September 14, 2020.

Please see the [province's news release](#) for additional details and a complete list of the extended orders.

Lambton Kent District School Board Announces Staggered Start in September

The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) has updated its [Reopening Our Schools](#) plan to include a staggered start to the first week of school for Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8 students. Half of the student body will attend school on Tuesday, September 8 for one day. The remaining students (those who did not attend the previous day) will attend school on Wednesday, September 9. On Thursday, September 10, all students will attend school.

Junior Kindergarten students have a delayed entry, with their first day of school on Monday, September 14.

Point Edward Fire & Rescue Completes Door-to-Door Campaign



Point Edward Fire & Rescue completed its door-to-door smoke alarm and emergency management campaign this week. Firefighters delivered brochures emphasizing the importance of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to all Village residents, as well as a pamphlet on emergency preparedness and 72-hour kits. Please review these documents to ensure you have the information needed to protect yourself and your loved ones.

As always, if you have any questions or need more information, you can call the Firehall at 519-337-9911. Stay safe!

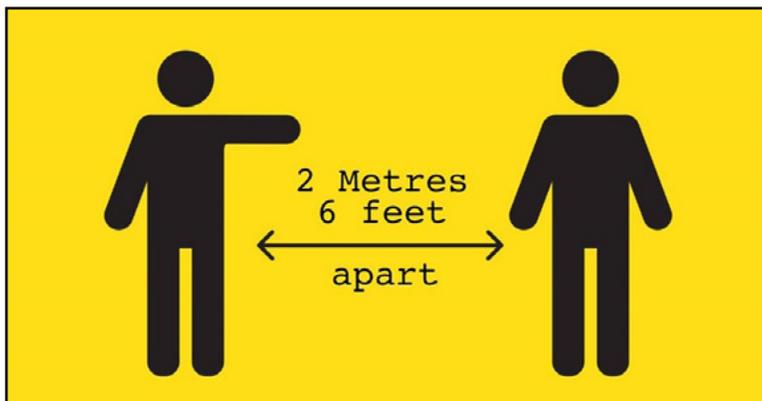
MATCH Eatery & Public House Launches Community Super Hero Contest

Do you know someone in the community who has gone "above and beyond" during the COVID-19 crisis? MATCH Eatery & Public House has launched a contest to reward these Community Super Heroes. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, August 28. Nominees can be anyone from the community—front line workers, volunteers, deserving students, etc. Winners will receive a \$100 gift card for Match Eatery & Public House and a \$100 donation in their name to the charity of their choice. [Click here](#) to visit MATCH'S website and nominate a Super Hero!

Lambton Public Health Reminds Us to Continue Physical Distancing

Lambton Public Health reminds community members to practice physical distancing any time you can:

- Indoors & Outdoors
- Whether masks are required or not
- Especially if you are unable to wear a mask



While we all attempt to cope with the changes in our lives and routines, and the continued uncertainty in dealing with this unprecedented situation, please remember to be kind. If you have a concern about something in our community, call the municipal office, but please keep in mind that staff do not make the rules. They will answer your questions and try to assist you, so please be respectful, patient, and considerate. We appreciate your cooperation!

– Mayor Bev Hand