

VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD COVID-19 UPDATE: Mayor's Message, October 9, 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.

New Measures for COVID-19 Testing

Ontario assessment centres have transitioned to appointment-based testing. Walk-in testing services were discontinued as of Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020 to assist the province's lab network in progressing through the tests to be processed and to allow assessment centres time to prepare for the new appointment-based model.

Public Assessment Centres may be accessed by appointment by anyone who **has symptoms** of COVID-19 or are individuals who do not have symptoms but are at **high risk** for COVID-19 due to close contact with confirmed cases.

Pharmacy Testing Centres at participating locations can be accessed by appointment by those who are **not showing symptoms** (asymptomatic) and meet any of the following criteria:

- are a contact of a confirmed positive case
- live or work in an at-risk setting, such as a long-term care home, homeless shelter or other congregate setting
- will be visiting a long-term care home (indoor visit)
- are a worker or resident of a specific outbreak site, including a long-term care home, retirement home or school
- are eligible for testing as part of a targeted testing initiative as determined by the Ministry of Health or Ministry of Long-term Care, similar to the earlier campaign to target long-term care homes.

Contact information for local assessment centres and pharmacies offering testing is available on [Lambton Public Health's](#) website.

New Public Health Measures

Face coverings required in all indoor settings across the province with some exemptions



The province has implemented new restrictions under the amended order [O. Reg 364/20](#) (Rules for Areas in Stage 3 under the Reopening Ontario [A Flexible Response to COVID-19] Act, 2020), which became effective on Saturday, October 3, 2020. The new measures include mandating the use of face coverings in all public indoor settings across the province, such as businesses, facilities and workplaces, with limited exemptions.

Under the amended order, **you must use a face covering (non-medical mask, such as a cloth mask) in public indoor spaces and whenever physical distancing is a challenge.** This requirement applies to children over the age of two, as well as adults. Please visit [Ontario.ca](#) to learn about exemptions, proper mask use, and mask care.

New Public Health Measures (Continued)

Social circles have been paused and Ontarians are advised to allow close contact only with people living in their own household. Maintain two metres physical distancing from everyone else. Individuals who live alone may consider having close contact with another household.

Everyday Steps to Reduce Exposure to COVID-19

Lambton Public Health reminds the public to continue practicing these everyday steps to reduce exposure to the COVID-19 virus and prevent the spread of germs:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Use good hand hygiene—wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Practice physical distancing—keep a distance of at least two metres (6 feet) from others. Follow [restrictions for social gatherings and social circles](#).
- Wear a face mask (or covering) if required or when physical distancing is not possible.

HOW TO SAFELY WEAR A MASK:



✓ Do wash your hands before putting it on & taking it off

✓ Do make sure it fits to cover your mouth & nose

✓ Do wash your cloth mask in the laundry

✓ Do clean surfaces that a dirty mask touches

✗ Don't touch your face or mask while using it

✗ Don't use masks on children under 2 or those who can't breathe with them on

✗ Don't share your mask with others

✗ Don't wear medical masks, keep them for health care workers

The best protection is



Stay home



Keep 6 feet or 2 metres distance



Wash hands often



Lambton Public Health

Learn more at:
LambtonPublicHealth.ca

On behalf of the Council and Staff of the Village of Point Edward,
I wish you all a safe, happy, and healthy long weekend.

– Mayor Bev Hand

