



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH STATEMENT REGARDING NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

Woolwich, ON – March 13, 2020 – As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, the health and wellbeing of our community remains our top priority. We continue to work closely with the Region of Waterloo Public Health and the Region Wide Pandemic Control Group to monitor the most current information and take appropriate action consistent with their input and direction.

Currently, all Township facilities remain open to the Public. The Woolwich Memorial Centre in Elmira will be open with modified hours from 8 am to 10 pm daily, with most programming and events operating as scheduled with a cap on attendance. Specific information on programming will be posted on our website (www.woolwich.ca). Some community groups and/or providers of recreation / leisure services that utilize Township facilities have decided to suspend programs due to the COVID-19 virus. It is recommended that you confirm directly with your service provider as to whether they are continuing to provide programs at this point.

Please note that Township of Woolwich March Break camps are going ahead. No further camps will be offered during the additional two-week school break; however, this may be reevaluated.

Currently, there are no further changes to the Township's operations, programs or services as a result of COVID-19. However, this is a rapidly evolving situation and consultation with Public Health is ongoing. We will advise of any changes on our webpage (www.woolwich.ca) and through social media.

The Township is taking proactive measures to help minimize the spread of infection in the community. We've increased our level of cleaning and disinfecting in facilities, particularly in high-traffic and communal areas and posters with prevention tips will be posted in all facilities. In addition, the Township is in continual contact with Waterloo Region Public Health and our Municipal partners to ensure that we have current information and that our business practices align with the appropriate service level.

We understand this is a difficult situation and we will continue to provide updates as it unfolds. We encourage all residents to remain calm and follow best practices for virus prevention.

For more information, visit Waterloo Region Public Health. Questions and concerns should be directed to the Public Health hotline at (519) 575-4400 or by emailing publichealth@regionofwaterloo.ca.

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