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COVID-19 Response: Community Update

Operations to be suspended at Essex and Harrow Arenas

With the region moving into the Red-Control status in the Provincial COVID-19 Response Framework, along with recent guidance received from the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit, the operations of two Town of Essex arenas will be suspended beginning Monday, November 30.

The decision to suspend operations was made in collaboration with arena user groups.

"For most of our user groups, the new limitations reduced the feasibility of hosting regular practices or activities at our local arenas," said Doug Sweet, Deputy CAO & Director, Community Services. "With that in mind, the Town will temporarily suspend operations of our rinks, while continuing to offer limited in-person programming at our community facilities which meet current restrictions."

The walking track at the Essex Centre Sports Complex will also be closed to the public. Current in-person programs will continue to follow the current group size limitations and other restrictions set out by the Provincial Government and Windsor Essex County Health Unit.

The Municipal Office in Essex Centre will continue remain open for essential visitors during modified operating hours (Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 11:30am, 1:30pm to 4:30pm.)

Residents seeking alternatives to in-person visits can find their online service options at www.essex.ca/OnlineServices. To report problems with local parks, roadways, and other municipal infrastructure, please visit www.essex.ca/ReportAProblem.

For guidance on what individuals can do to reduce their risk of contracting the virus, or what to do if they display symptoms, please visit the <u>Ontario Ministry of Health's COVID-19</u> resource page. To find the current COVID-19 restrictions, please visit <u>WECHU's Local Pandemic Status page.</u>

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