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COVID-19 Response: Community Update

Essex Centre Sports Complex to re-open along with return to in-person programs and facility visits

With the Windsor-Essex region returning to the Red-Control level in the Government of Ontario's Pandemic Response Framework, a number of Town of Essex facilities will open to the public with additional safety measures and restrictions in place.

The Libro Rink at the Essex Centre Sports Complex has reopened to designated user groups, who will be required to follow new protocols. A printable Facility Users' Guide has been provided to all groups and will be available to be reviewed online at www.essex.ca/COVID. The walking track at the Essex Centre Sports Complex will also be open from 9:00am to 3:00pm on weekdays only. Walking track users will be required to undergo mandatory screening, sign in and out, wear masks, and abide by group size restrictions and physical distancing.

The Town's Recreation and Culture division has also launched a number of in-person programs which align with the current framework. A full list of in-person and virtual programs available for registration can be found at www.essexconnect.ca.

Starting March 1, 2021, the Municipal Office in Essex Centre and the Building/By-law Enforcement Office in Gesto will also re-open for essential visits during regular operating hours (open weekdays from 8:30am to 4:30pm and closed between 11:30am and 1:30pm). Visitors should also contact the Town for an appointment to ensure staff member and meeting room availability. Visitors to all facilities will undergo COVID-19 screening procedure and be required to wear a mask and maintain physical distance throughout the duration of their visit.

All visitors, program participants, and user group members are reminded that they must not attend any facility if they are displaying one or more symptoms of COVID-19, have been in contact with a confirmed or suspected case, or if current restrictions require them to self-isolate, such as cross-border travel.

Under the move to the Red-Control level, all construction projects and related construction services, including residential renovations, may also begin or continue.

Residents can continue to access a number of 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 [Ontario Ministry of Health's COVID-19 resource page](#). To find the current COVID-19 restrictions, please visit [WECHU's Local Pandemic Status page](#).