

Media Release
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Town of Essex Update on COVID-19 Response

Essex- In light of the rapidly evolving response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Town of Essex has taken additional action to prevent the spread of the virus and reduce its impact on the community.

- All playgrounds have been closed to the public, while passive parks and multi-use trails remain open. Park and trail users are reminded to maintain the appropriate physical distance of two meters from other users, as recommended by public health officials.
- Public Works and Community Services staff continue to operate in the community. Road and parks maintenance, for example, will be conducted as usual to ensure public safety. Residents are asked to maintain appropriate physical distance from Town employees.
- Garbage, recycle, and yard waste collection continues. Residents are asked to refrain from assisting in collection. Garbage must be bagged and tied. Loose garbage in pails or untied bags will not be collected due to health and safety concerns. Residents can refer to their [printed collection calendars](#) or the downloadable [RecycleCoach app](#) for pickup schedules.

Town administration and Council will continue to monitor the situation with information from the Windsor Essex County Health Unit, as well as federal and provincial health officials. The Town is also in regular communication with neighbouring municipalities and the County of Essex to share information on impacts to the region. Members of the Town's senior management team continue to meet daily to identify and address issues as they arise.

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](#). For local updates, please visit [Windsor Essex County Health Unit's Novel Coronavirus page](#).

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