



Media Release
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Community Update on COVID-19 Response

No new non-essential building permits, facility closure extended, committees go digital

In light of the rapidly evolving response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Town of Essex has taken additional measures to protect the community while maintaining essential services for residents.

- Council hosted their second online meeting on Monday, April 20. Video of the meeting can be found online at www.youtube.com/EsexOntario. Committees of Council with essential business will also be conducted electronically. Citizens or stakeholders who wish to present as a delegation, or would like to watch committee proceedings online, can do so by request at clerks@essex.ca or by calling the Legislative Services (Clerks) Division at 519-776-7336 ext 1100 or 1101.
- The closure of all facilities and cancellation of programs has been extended until Sunday, May 31.
- The Town continues to conduct inspections for buildings with permits received prior to April 4. Inspections and permits will continue to be provided for all new buildings deemed essential by Provincial Order. For a summary of changes to inspection and permitting processes, please visit the Construction & Development Permits section of www.essex.ca/COVID.

While the Town has closed all other facilities to non-essential visitors, a number of online service can be found online at www.essex.ca/OnlineServices. Customer service representatives and departmental staff are also available by phone during regular business at 519-776-7336. A summary of changes due to COVID-19 can be found online at www.essex.ca/COVID

Following the guidance of local and provincial health authorities, the Town is asking residents to limit all non-essential trips and travel, avoid gatherings of five or more, and maintain thorough environmental and personal cleaning practices.

Residents with concerns about large groups or non-essential businesses continuing to operate can contact the Town's By-law Enforcement Team at bylaw@essex.ca or 519-776-7336 ext 1400 during regular business hours. Alternatively, residents can contact the Ontario Provincial Police non-emergency line at 1-888 310-1122, which is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.



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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