



Media Release

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Community Update on COVID-19 Response

Fun Fest and spring programs cancelled, limit on gatherings continues

In light of the 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.

- During the Regular Meeting on Monday, May 4, Council agreed to approve the Essex Fun Fest Committee's recommendation to cancel the 2020 Essex Fun Fest.
- The Colchester Harbour and boat launch remain closed. However, staff may be working at the harbour to prepare for reopening. Members of the public are asked to avoid the area until further notice.
- All spring recreation programs have been cancelled. Individuals who have already registered for a program will receive a credit on their EssexConnect account.
- Residents are reminded that provincially-mandated social distancing and limitations on group sizes still apply to local cemeteries. Cemetery visitors must limit gatherings to five or less individuals while maintaining two meters of physical distance.

"All of us want to get things back to normal and we, as a Town, understand the many sacrifices that our citizens have made throughout this difficult period," said Mayor Larry Snively. "However, now is not the time to let up and I'm urging all of our residents to stay vigilant."

While the Town has closed all other facilities to non-essential visitors, a number of online services 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

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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