



Important Public Statement

The Mayors of the municipalities within Peterborough County today issued a statement about the current health and economic challenges being experienced by the residents of their townships.

Residents of our communities, like those across Canada, are facing serious health risks as a result of COVID 19. Each of us has an obligation to lessen the impact on our family, friends and neighbours. Collectively we have the opportunity to flatten the curve of new infections and limit the stress put on our health care system.

The most important thing each of us can do is to practice physical distancing. This means keeping six feet (2 meters) between yourself and someone else. This simple act will help protect those we care about.

In addition residents should follow the advice of the Federal and Provincial governments, as well as Peterborough Public Health.

- Stay home.
- Where possible, seek service over the phone or internet or ask for help from friends, family or neighbors with essential errands.
- If you are an essential service and must go out for work, or you live with an essential service worker, please follow the guidelines for physical distancing and contact Peterborough Public Health for special instructions on how to monitor your own health.
- If you must go out for an essential errand, stay at least two metres apart from other people and designate one person to do the errand.
- Wash your hands frequently using soap and 15 to 20 seconds each time.
- Cough or sneeze into your arm.
- If you are sick or have COVID-19 symptoms, stay home.

Also, if you have returned from outside the country you are required to self-isolate for 14 days. This can be a hardship on individuals but it is critical to successfully combating the virus. Ask neighbors and family to deliver anything you need to your home – do not go out before the 14 days are over and only if you are well.

As Mayors, we want to assure residents of our commitment to continue providing essential public services and to meet your needs. We truly appreciate the understanding, cooperation and patience of all residents. We also want to acknowledge and thank staff, who are working very hard responding to requests by phone and other electronic processes.

To everyone – stay safe, help where you can, be kind. We are all in this together even if we need to stay apart.