

Wednesday, June 3, 2020.

## **MUNICIPALITY OF KILLARNEY CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19 UPDATE PUBLIC NOTICE #5**

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**The Municipality would like to thank all residents for their cooperation in adhering to the Provincial Orders throughout this pandemic. These efforts have been crucial in keeping our community safe and Covid-19 free. By having all residents, permanent and seasonal, adhere to the Orders, this may reduce the time these controls have to be in place, allowing everyone to return to some semblance of normalcy in our lives.**

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**Premier Ford announced on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 that the Province would extend the Declaration of Emergency under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* for another 28 days to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The extension of the provincial declaration of emergency allows Ontario to continue to enforce current emergency orders.**

The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has extended all emergency orders currently in force **until June 9, 2020**. Current emergency orders include the closure of outdoor playgrounds, play structures and equipment, public swimming pools and outdoor water facilities, as well as bars and restaurants except for takeout and delivery. Additionally, there continues to be restrictions on social gatherings of more than five people, and staff redeployment rules remain in place for long-term care homes and congregate settings like retirement homes and women's shelters.

In addition, the government has approved an exemption to the emergency order related to gatherings to allow Ontarians to attend drive-in religious gatherings, under certain conditions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The conditions include keeping vehicles two metres or more apart, only members of the same household can be in one vehicle, people will not be able to leave their vehicles, and no more than five people can conduct the service at one time from outside a motor vehicle and they must stay at least two metres apart.

Essential services, such as grocery stores, convenience stores, pharmacies, public transit, manufacturing facilities, and supply chain companies remain open and operational.

**Emergency orders are updated regularly and  
can be found at [www.ontario.ca](http://www.ontario.ca).**

Please be advised that the OPP as well as the by-law enforcement officers we share with the municipalities of French River, St. Charles and Markstay-Warren can enforce these Emergency Orders and ticket people and businesses who are not following the Provincial Emergency Orders.

**Public Fines can be in the range of \$750 to \$500,000**  
**Business Fines in the range of \$750 to \$10,000,000**

### **ONTARIO UNVEILS GUIDING PRINCIPLES TO REOPEN THE PROVINCE**

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Ontario government released *A Framework for Reopening our Province*, which outlines the criteria Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health and health experts will use to advise the government on the loosening of emergency measures, as well as guiding principles for the safe, gradual reopening of businesses, services and public spaces. The framework also provides details of an outreach strategy, led by the Ontario Jobs and Recovery Committee, to help inform the restart of the provincial economy.

The government is planning a stage-by-stage approach to reopening the economy to ensure there are appropriate measures in place so workplaces can open safely. Public health officials will carefully monitor each stage for two to four weeks, as they assess the evolution of the COVID-19 outbreak to determine if it is necessary to change course to maintain public health.

**Stage 1:** The province officially entered the first stage of its *Framework for Reopening the Province* on **Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 12:01 a.m.** For businesses that were ordered to close or restrict operations, opening select workplaces that can immediately modify operations to meet public health guidance. Opening some outdoor spaces like parks and allowing for a greater number of individuals to attend some events. Hospitals would also begin to offer some non-urgent and scheduled surgeries, and other health care services.

As part of this initial stage, the government is permitting the reopening of some outdoor recreational amenities, including outdoor sports facilities and multi-use fields, off-leash dog areas, and outdoor picnic sites, benches and shelters in parks and recreational areas.

Ontario's first stage of reopening include:

- Retail services that are not in shopping malls and have separate street-front entrances with measures in place that can enable physical distancing, such as limiting the number of customers in the store at any one time and booking appointments beforehand or on the spot.

- Seasonal businesses and recreational activities for individual or single competitors, including training and sport competitions conducted by a recognized national or provincial sport organization. This includes indoor and outdoor non-team sport competitions that can be played while maintaining physical distancing and without spectators, such as tennis, track and field and horse racing.
- Animal services, specifically pet care services, such as grooming and training, and regular veterinary appointments.
- Indoor and outdoor household services that can follow public health guidelines, such as housekeepers, cooks, cleaning and maintenance.
- Lifting essential workplace limits on construction.
- Allowing certain health and medical services to resume, such as in-person counselling and scheduled surgeries based on the ability to meet pre-specified conditions as outlined in *A Measured Approach to Planning for Surgeries and Procedures During the COVID-19 Pandemic*, as well as resuming professional services such as shifting Children's Treatment Centres from virtual to in-person.

**Stage 2:** Opening more workplaces, based on risk assessments, which may include some service industries and additional office and retail workplaces. Some larger public gatherings would be allowed, and more outdoor spaces would open.

**Stage 3:** Opening of all workplaces responsibly and further relaxing of restrictions on public gatherings.

Throughout each stage, continued protections for vulnerable populations must be in place, along with the continued practice of physical distancing, hand washing and respiratory hygiene, and significant mitigation plans to limit health risks.

To reopen the economy, the government will consider factors such as the risk of the spread of COVID-19 and the ability to implement protective measures to keep workplaces safe. The Chief Medical Officer of Health and health experts will provide advice to the government about easing public health measures using a range of set criteria, including:

- A consistent two-to-four week decrease in the number of new daily COVID-19 cases;
- Sufficient acute and critical care capacity, including access to ventilators and ongoing availability of personal protective equipment;
- Approximately 90 per cent of new COVID-19 contacts are being reached by local public health officials within one day, with guidance and direction to contain community spread; and
- Ongoing testing of suspected COVID-19 cases, especially of vulnerable populations, to detect new outbreaks quickly.

## **WHAT HAS REOPENED?**

The Chief Medical Officer of Health has provided general recommendations on how the openings of businesses and workplaces could be implemented to support safe operations, including strict adherence to health and safety requirements. The government, in partnership with Ontario's health and safety associations, has developed more than 60 guidelines in response to COVID-19. These sector-specific measures will help employers prepare their workplaces so they can be reopened safely and ensure workers, customers and the general public are protected.

By following the proper health and safety guidelines these businesses were permitted to begin operations on Monday, May 4 at 12:01 a.m.:

- Garden centres and nurseries with curbside pick-up and delivery only;
- Lawn care and landscaping;
- Additional essential construction projects that include:
  - shipping and logistics;
  - broadband, telecommunications, and digital infrastructure;
  - any other project that supports the improved delivery of goods and services;
  - municipal projects;
  - colleges and universities;
  - child care centres;
  - schools; and
  - site preparation, excavation, and servicing for institutional, commercial, industrial and residential development;
- Automatic and self-serve car washes;
- Auto dealerships, open by appointment only;
- Golf courses may prepare their courses for the upcoming season, but not open to the public; and
- Marinas may also begin preparations for the recreational boating season by servicing boats and other watercraft and placing boats in the water, but not open to the public. Boats and watercraft must be secured to a dock in the marina until public access is allowed.

As of Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., garden centres and nurseries are able to open for in-store payment and purchases, operating under the same guidelines as grocery stores and pharmacies. Hardware stores and safety supply stores were permitted to open for in-store payment and purchases as soon as 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Beginning on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., retail stores with a street entrance began offering curbside pickup and delivery, in accordance with the Ministry of Health's Guidance Document for Essential Workplaces and occupational health and safety requirements.

In addition to easing restrictions on retail, the government is also expanding essential construction to allow below-grade multi-unit residential construction projects like apartments and condominiums to begin and existing above-grade projects to continue. This will help clear the way for the housing and jobs our economy will need to support economic recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Businesses must follow public health measures and should review the workplace safety guidelines, such as promoting physical distancing and frequent handwashing, sanitizing surfaces, installing physical barriers, staggering shifts, and using contactless payment options to stop the spread of COVID-19.

At 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2020:

- Golf courses were able to open, with clubhouses open only for washrooms and restaurants open only for take-out.
- **Marinas, boat clubs and public boat launches could open for recreational use.**
- **Private parks and campgrounds could open to enable preparation for the season and to allow access for trailers and recreational vehicles whose owners have a full season contract.**
- Businesses that board animals, such as stables, could allow boarders to visit, care for or ride their animal.

To ensure that these first actions to reopen the province are a success, the public should continue to adhere to public health measures, including practising physical distancing or wearing a face covering when physical distancing is difficult or not possible, as well as regular handwashing and staying home when ill. The Chief Medical Officer of Health will closely monitor the evolving situation to advise when certain public health restrictions, including adjustments to social gatherings can be gradually loosened or if they need to be tightened.

### **ELECTRICITY RELIEF:**

As Ontarians continue to work and learn from home, the government is extending the suspension of time-of-use price to provide consumers with greater stability and predictability with their electricity bills.

To extend this support responsibly, they will introduce a fixed electricity price, known as the COVID-19 Recovery Rate, of 12.8 cents per kWh, which will be automatically applied to all time-of-use customers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This fixed electricity price will be in place from June 1 - October 31, 2020.

### **LANDFILL SITES:**

All three (3) landfill sites (Killarney, Hartley Bay & Key River) have changed over to the summer schedule starting **Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.**

The hazardous waste day scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 has now been postponed to **August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.** Updates will be provided as they become available.

### **MUNICIPAL AIRPORT:**

The NOTAM for the airport has been cancelled effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The municipal airport is now open for landings. Fuel will be available to purchase as of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### **YARD SALES:**

A recommendation by the Sudbury East Building & By-Law Services Department regarding yard sales was passed at the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council. Resolution No. 20-164 prohibits yard sales at this time since they are considered a non-essential activity that promotes social interaction and that these yard sales are prohibited until emergency measures regarding social distancing and non-essential businesses are lifted.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

At 12:01 a.m. on May 16, 2020, Ontario lifted the Restricted Fire Zone (RFZ) designation that was put in place last month across Ontario's fire region. The province will continue to assess forest fire hazard conditions and an RFZ designation may be reinstated in higher risk areas if conditions deteriorate. These restrictions were put in place in order to reduce the number of preventable human-caused fires and lower the risk of wildfires impacting the public.

For more information, contact the local Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry (MNR) Fire Management Headquarters.

<p><b>FIRE MARSHAL WARNS ONTARIANS TO NEVER USE MICROWAVE OVENS TO STERILIZE FACE MASKS</b></p>
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Ontario's Fire Marshal is urging all Ontarians to follow the recommendations of medical & health professionals on how to use and clean personal protective equipment (PPE). Microwave ovens are not designed to heat cloth materials, so there is a risk of the mask overheating and catching fire. Many disposable masks also have a metal nose wire or staples holding the straps which can cause sparks or a fire if heated in a microwave.

The Fire Marshal is reminding everyone that fire safety is especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic when so many families are staying home and doing more cooking. To reduce potential fire risks in your home:

- Always stay in the kitchen when you are cooking – unattended cooking is a leading cause of home fires;
- Keep a close eye on anyone drinking alcohol while attempting to cook or smoke;
- Encourage smokers to smoke outside the home and garage and thoroughly extinguish all smoking materials in water or sand;
- Always blow out candles before leaving the room or going to bed;
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets and running electrical cords under rugs or furniture which can damage the cords and cause a fire;
- Ensure items that can burn are at least one metre away from space heaters;
- Test your alarms by pressing the test button – only working smoke alarms give you the early warning required to safely escape a fire in your home;
- Practice your home fire escape plan and make sure everyone knows two ways out of each room, if possible;
- Keep all exits clear of obstructions that might hinder a safe escape.

For more information on fire safety, visit [www.ontario.ca/firemarshal](http://www.ontario.ca/firemarshal)

### **VULNERABLE PERSONS REGISTRY:**

*What is the Vulnerable Persons Registry?* A free, voluntary and confidential registry for persons at greater risk during an emergency or disaster. A secure registry that provides key information (vulnerabilities) to local Emergency Management Coordinators in order to improve safety during a Large-Scale Emergency.

*Who Should Register?* Any resident living in an eligible area without 24-hour support who experiences severe difficulty with any of the following: Mobility, Vision, Hearing, Developmental, Cognitive, Mental Health; Or Requires electricity for life-sustaining equipment such as: oxygen, dialysis & ventilators.

Visit [www.soovpr.com](http://www.soovpr.com) or Contact the VPR Coordinator at: 705-942-7927 ext. 3041  
1-866-353-0697 [info@soovpr.com](mailto:info@soovpr.com)

### **CANADA POST:**

Normal hours of operation resumed on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020:

Monday to Friday 9:30 am – noon & 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

If you need more information or have any questions, call 705-287-2215.

### **KILLARNEY & FRENCH RIVER PROVINCIAL PARKS:**

As of June 1, limited backcountry camping will be available at Ontario Parks, including access points, paddle and portage routes and hiking trails. Those with reservations made for backcountry camping beginning June 1 and onward will be allowed to proceed.

Following current provincial restrictions no more than 5 people can occupy a backcountry campsite during their stay, unless from one household.

The closure of all other overnight camping and some day use activities at provincial parks and conservation reserves and backcountry camping at Charleston Lake, Fushimi Lake, Grundy Lake, Halfway Lake, Mississagi, Murphy's Point, Restoule and Wakami Lake will continue to be reassessed and has been extended up to June 14 at this time. Buildings and facilities including, campgrounds, roofed accommodations, visitor centres, park stores, picnic shelters, playgrounds, and beaches remain closed.

To ensure the safety of visitors and park staff, Ontario Parks has been conducting critical maintenance and other start-up procedures and ensuring operational and safety protocols are in place so that more recreational activities and facilities can open when it is safe to do so.

Before planning your day trip, please visit [www.ontarioparks.com](http://www.ontarioparks.com) for the most up to date information and to check the status of your local park.

### **ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL:**

The Ontario government is protecting the health and safety of students during the COVID-19 outbreak by keeping schools closed for the rest of the 2019/2020 school year.

### **KILLARNEY HEALTH CENTRE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:**

If you cannot maintain the 2 metre social distancing, it is recommended that you wear a mask to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Symptoms of COVID-19 have been updated and are available on the Public Health Sudbury & District website at [www.phsd.ca](http://www.phsd.ca).

*Please see attached flyer from the Killarney Health Centre regarding their latest updates.*

## **SYMPTOMS of COVID-19**

Symptoms can range from mild to severe.

### **Common symptoms of COVID-19 include:**

- Fever
- new or worsening cough
- difficulty breathing/shortness of breath

### **Other symptoms of COVID-19 can include:**

- sore throat
- difficulty swallowing
- loss of taste and smell
- nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain
- runny nose, or nasal congestion (in absence of an underlying reason for these symptoms such as allergies and post-nasal drip.)

### **Atypical/less common signs and symptoms:**

- muscle aches
- unexplained fatigue/malaise
- delirium (acutely altered mental status and inattention).
- unexplained or increased number of falls
- acute functional decline, worsening of chronic conditions
- chills
- headaches
- conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- croup
- difficulty feeding in infants (if no other diagnosis)
- a decrease in blood pressure
- unexplained hypoxia (decrease in body oxygen supply)
- unexplained tachycardia, including age-specific tachycardia for children
- lethargy (lack of energy)
- multisystem inflammatory vasculitis in children (inflammation of blood vessels)
  - Parents should contact their health care providers immediately if their children experience these symptoms.
  - While the link between this inflammatory illness and COVID-19 is not confirmed at this time, the COVID-19 list of symptoms was updated to include the illness as an atypical presentation in children. Read more at [Ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca)

Complications from the 2019 novel coronavirus can include serious conditions, like pneumonia or kidney failure, and in some cases, death.

If you have any of these symptoms, even if you think they are mild, you should contact the **Killarney Health Centre (705-287-2300)** or the **assessment centre (705-671-7373)** and a test will be arranged either through a mobile paramedic team or by visiting one of the assessment centres.

For general information about COVID-19, call Public Health Sudbury & Districts at **705.522.9200** (toll-free 1.866.522.9200).

### **Telehealth Ontario**

Call Telehealth Ontario for medical advice at **1.866.797.0000** (TTY 1.866.797.0007). Be sure to mention your symptoms and your travel history, including the countries you visited. They are available 24 hours per day.

### **MUNICIPAL WEBSITE:**

Additional information on COVID-19 can be located on the home page of the website at [www.municipalityofkillarney.ca](http://www.municipalityofkillarney.ca).

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**We will continue to monitor the situation and send necessary updates as the situation evolves. Should you have questions/concerns we encourage you to contact us via telephone 705-287-2424 (*leave a message if we cannot answer the call immediately*)**

**or email us at [inquiries@municipalityofkillarney.ca](mailto:inquiries@municipalityofkillarney.ca)**

**You will receive a response as soon as possible.**

**At this critical time, we need your continued co-operation as we all have an obligation to our families, neighbours and community to do our part to limit the spread of COVID-19**

***~ Please Stay Safe and Healthy ~***

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## Killarney Health Centre COVID 19 Update

We have now entered a phase where some restrictions are being lifted by Ontario's Ministry of Health; as such the Killarney Health Centre will determine which Health services are reasonable to resume. This document is intended to inform residents of changes in the delivery of health services as we enter into this new phase in COVID 19 planning.

- After May 28th 2020 there will be no further prescription delivery. Please make arrangements to pick up your prescription or family member's prescription Monday-Friday from 3pm -5pm. If others are present when picking up your prescription please ensure that the physical distance of two metres (six feet) is maintained. You may want to wait in your vehicle or maintain a safe outside space.
- Upon arriving to pick up your prescription, please ring the doorbell. Wait at the taped area of the outside rug. Aaron or Laura will bring your prescription and place it on the bench where you will be able to pick it up. If there is a need to enter the Health Centre you will be required to wear a mask. There will be masks available however you are encouraged to have your own mask that you should be using when in the community.
- The KHC will continue to organize in-person appointments times to limit the number of people in the office at one time and prioritize based on urgency. A decision will be made on the best mode of care, in person/phone or virtually,
- Patients will continue to be screened for possible COVID symptoms prior to attending the office
- Patients with COVID symptoms will be referred to the self-assessment centre
- If it is necessary to see a symptomatic patient, the patient will be asked to wear a mask, and the RN will don appropriate PPE
- Unless necessary, patients are requested to attend alone (i.e., not to bring family members, friends or caregivers)
- The KHC will continue to arrange queuing and traffic flow to maximize physical distancing using visual cues like signage, directional arrows, and areas marked with tape
- The current buzzer system will remain which will allow staff to regulate patient flow, especially now as we enter into the busy tourism season

## **Killarney Health Centre COVID 19 Update**

- We may adopt alternative solutions to waiting in the office, such as asking patients to wait in their vehicles, if possible, and text or calling when appointments are ready
- All toys, magazines, brochures, remote controls and other shared items have been removed from the waiting room
- Rigorous cleaning and disinfecting of common areas and high touch surfaces will continue
- All staff will continue to practice frequent hand hygiene using soap and water or a Health Canada-approved hand sanitizer, all patients/visitors to the Health centre will be required to utilize the hand sanitizer prior to entering the office
- The current procedure for drop off of travel grants/forms will continue until further notice.

The KHC Board and Staff thank you for your co-operation and patience. By implementing the above we hope to mitigate any risk to our residents/patients and to keep our staff safe as we adjust to the continually evolving COVID 19 situation