

**Municipality of Killarney  
32 Commissioner Street  
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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**RAPID COVID TEST KITS**

The Municipality of Killarney has obtained Covid-19 antigen rapid test kits. The supply is limited. **Therefore, these kits will be distributed at 1 kit per household until supplies last.**

As per Ontario Health, they advised that the tests are prioritized for those at increased risk of severe outcomes and those working in highest risk settings. Therefore, Ontario Health is stating that testing is no longer recommended for all individuals in the community with symptoms compatible with Covid-19. However, it is recommended that those individuals isolate. Please see attached charts for more information on what to do if you have symptoms of Covid-19 or have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for Covid-19.

The test kits can be picked up from the Municipal Office starting January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 between the hours of 9:00am to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm.

**Please do not attend the Municipal Office to pick up your kits if you have symptoms of Covid-19. You may ask a neighbor or a family member (not living with you) to pick up a kit on your behalf.**

The kits come with instructions on how to perform the tests. However, please visit the link from Ontario Health to view the Self-Collection for Covid-19 Antigen Rapid Testing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RXIEz1YZFDQ>.

If you have other questions on how to properly use the test, please call the Killarney Health Centre at 705-287-2300.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Thursday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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# MUNICIPALITY OF KILLARNEY

## CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19 UPDATE

### PUBLIC NOTICE #1-2022

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**The Municipality would like to thank all residents for their continued cooperation in adhering to the Provincial Orders throughout this pandemic. These efforts have been crucial in keeping our community safe.**

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### **Ontario Declares Temporarily Moving to Modified Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen**

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In response to recent trends that show an alarming increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations, the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, is temporarily moving the Province into Step Two of its Roadmap to Reopen with modifications that take into account the Province's successful vaccination efforts.

Data is showing that while the Omicron variant is less severe, its high transmissibility has resulted in a larger number of hospital admissions relative to ICU admissions. Staff absenteeism is also expected to rise and affect operations in workplaces across Ontario due to Omicron infection and exposure. The rapid rise of Omicron cases, which may soon number in the hundreds of thousands, could result in the Province's hospital capacity becoming overwhelmed if further action isn't taken to curb transmission.

In response, on January 3, 2022 the Office of the Premier issued a news release (*attached hereto*) indicating the Province will return to the modified version of Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen **effective Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. for at least 21 days (until January 26, 2022)**, subject to trends in public health and health system indicators.

**Effective Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 12:01 a.m.**, the news release states a number of measures to follow, a few of these measures which are more relevant to our community are listed below:

- Reducing social gathering limits to five people indoors and 10 people outdoors.
- Limiting capacity at organized public events to five people indoors.
- Requiring businesses and organizations to ensure employees work remotely unless the nature of their work requires them to be on-site.
- Limiting capacity at indoor weddings, funerals, and religious services, rites and ceremonies to 50 per cent capacity of the particular room. Social gatherings associated with these services must adhere to the social gathering limits.
- Retail settings, including shopping malls, permitted at 50 per cent capacity. For shopping malls physical distancing will be required in line-ups, loitering will not be permitted and food courts will be required to close.

- Closing indoor meeting and event spaces with limited exceptions but permitting outdoor spaces to remain open with restrictions.
- Closing indoor dining at restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments. Outdoor dining with restrictions, takeout, drive through and delivery is permitted.
- Restricting the sale of alcohol after 10 p.m. and the consumption of alcohol on-premise in businesses or settings after 11 p.m. with delivery and takeout, grocery/convenience stores and other liquor stores exempted.
- Closing indoor sport and recreational fitness facilities including gyms. Outdoor facilities are permitted to operate but with the number of spectators not to exceed 50 per cent occupancy and other requirements.
- All publicly funded and private schools will move to remote learning starting January 5 until at least January 17, subject to public health trends and operational considerations.

## **Public Health & Workplace Safety Measures**

Please view the [regulation](#) for the full list of mandatory public health and workplace safety measures. In addition, on January 5, 2022 the Chief Medical Officer of Health will reinstate Directive 2 for hospitals and regulated health professionals, instructing hospitals to pause all non-emergent and non-urgent surgeries and procedures in order to preserve critical care and human resource capacity.

## **Small Businesses – Government Created a new Ontario Business Costs Rebate Program**

In recognition of the impact the Omicron variant and additional public health measures have on small businesses, the Provincial government is expanding the new Ontario Business Costs Rebate Program. Eligible businesses that are required to close or reduce capacity will receive rebate payments for a portion of the property tax and energy costs they incur while subject to these measures. Eligible businesses required to reduce capacity to 50 per cent, such as smaller retail stores, will receive a rebate payment equivalent to 50 per cent of their costs, while businesses required to close for indoor activities, such as restaurants and gyms, will receive a rebate payment equivalent to 100 per cent of their costs. A full list of eligible business types will be made available when applications for the program open later this month.

The government is also exploring options for providing further targeted and necessary supports for businesses and workers impacted by the province’s move into a modified Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen, including grants. The government will also continue to call on the federal government to come to table and help us support Ontario businesses and Ontario workers by allowing eligible businesses to defer HST and to enhance supports available to workers affected by current public health measures.

“As cases continue to rise at a rapid rate and evidence on the Omicron variant evolves, additional time-limited measures are needed to help limit transmission as Team Ontario continues to get booster doses into arms,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “While this was not an easy decision, these measures will help preserve hospital bed capacity and prevent our hospitals from becoming overwhelmed.”

## Schools

“Children will continue to receive live virtual learning during this period, led by their teacher, with full access to school-based academic and mental health supports,” said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. “We will continue to work closely with the Chief Medical Officer of Health to keep our communities safe and ensure that Ontario students get back to in-person learning as soon as possible.”

## Risks

“While the risks for severe illness are lower with Omicron than with the previous variants of concern, it is far more transmissible and hospitalizations are expected to continue to increase placing greater pressure on our health system,” said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. “It is difficult but necessary to apply additional public health and workplace safety measures to help stop the spread of the virus and protect our health system capacity. Please follow all public measures and get vaccinated with your first, second or booster dose if you have not done already.”

## Additional Resources

- [Ontario Updating Public Health Measures and Guidance in Response to Omicron](#)
  - [Updated Eligibility for PCR Testing and Case and Contact Management Guidance in Ontario](#)
  - [Ontario Further Strengthening Response to Omicron](#)
  - [Ontarians 18+ Eligible for COVID-19 Booster Appointments at Three-Month Interval](#)
  - Anyone who meets provincial testing eligibility criteria can go to an assessment centre, participating pharmacy, or specimen collection centre for testing. Visit [Ontario.ca/covidtestinglocations](https://ontario.ca/covidtestinglocations) to find a testing location and for eligibility criteria to be tested.
  - For public inquiries, please contact the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900 (TTY for people who are deaf, hearing-impaired or speech-impaired: 1-866-797-0007).
  - For resources in multiple languages to help local communication efforts responding to COVID-19, visit Ontario’s [COVID-19 communication resources webpage](#).
  - Visit Ontario’s [website](#) to learn more about how the province continues to protect the people of Ontario from COVID-19.
  - Business who have questions about public health and workplace safety measures can call the Stop the Spread Business Information Line at 1-888-444-3659.
  - For public inquiries call ServiceOntario, INFOline 1-866-532-3161 (Toll-free Ontario only)
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## **MUNICIPALITY:**

- The Municipal Office and Public Works remain open for public visits at this time with restrictions, although should the situation worsen we may have to close the offices to foot traffic. If this does occur, staff remain available to support you and will continue to respond to enquiries during regular business hours via:

**Municipal Office** Telephone 705-287-2424

Email: [inquiries@municipalityofkillarney.ca](mailto:inquiries@municipalityofkillarney.ca)

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

**Public Works** Telephone 705-287-1040

Email: [tonynuziale@municipalityofkillarney.ca](mailto:tonynuziale@municipalityofkillarney.ca) Cell: 705-920-0027

Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 7:00 am – noon & 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Friday 7:00 am – 1:00 pm

## **MASKS MANDATORY**

Please be advised that all persons entering any of the Municipal properties must wear a well-fitted mask at all times that covers the nose, mouth and chin as required by the Medical Officer of Health under the Authority of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) Ontario Regulations 263/20 and 364/20.

Individuals presenting on any municipal property who refuses to wear a mask, will not be permitted entry. The safety of our staff and residents is of our utmost importance.

Harassment and verbal abuse towards any of our staff will not be tolerated. Please be kind, it's free.

Municipal screening protocols remain in place and prior to being served. You will be asked to sign the tracking sheet and answer a series of screening questions at the entrance prior to entry.

For those who wish to access municipal services, there are options available should the offices be closed to the public in the future;

- 1) You can contact the Municipal office and speak to someone regarding your request;
- 2) You can send your request via Canada Post;
- 3) Any payments can be made using a Visa or Mastercard (over the phone or via email);
- 4) Debit, cash or cheque payments can be made at the door, or
- 5) Cheques can be dropped off in the designated lockbox located in the hallway of the Municipal building.

## **KILLARNEY HEALTH CENTRE:**

- The Killarney Health Centre remains open but requests that public visits to the clinic be avoided. Please call prior to presenting to the Killarney Health Centre. All patients will be screened and triaged and appointments scheduled as

necessary. We will explore alternatives to in-person triage or visits, such as providing telephone or virtual appointments. The Health Centre staff maintains strict adherence to standard precautions as outlined by Sudbury & District Public Health and the Ontario Ministry of Health.

- Prescription pickup time will be limited to the hours of **3PM - 5PM, Monday-Friday**.
- If you have concerns or flu like symptoms **DO NOT GO TO THE HEALTH CENTRE**. Self-isolate and call 705-287-2300. If after hours call the COVID-19 Assessment Centre at 705-671-7373.
- Contact Telehealth at 1-866-797-0000 for non-emergency issues – they are available 24 hours per day.

#### **AMBULANCE/PARAMEDIC SERVICES:**

The paramedic service located here in the village is operated by the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board and remains in operation. ONLY call 911 where it is an emergency. Should you be seeking advice with respect to COVID-19, please contact Public Health at 1-866-522-9200.

Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board recently notified the Municipality that they will be installing a yellow phone outside on the Ambulance building. If the ambulance is not there, the phone can be picked up and will connect directly to 911.

#### **ICE RINK/COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE:**

The Killarney Community Centre and rink surfaces remain **closed until further notice**.

The Annual Winter Carnival at the Community Centre/Veteran's Memorial Hall has been **cancelled** for 2022.

#### **KIDS HELP PHONE:**

This is an unprecedented time. This past year has been especially tough on the children as the world they know is changing dramatically. Children are encouraged to reach out to Kids Help Phone any time of day by texting 686868, calling 1-800-668-6868 or online at [www.kidshelpphone.ca](http://www.kidshelpphone.ca).

Kids Help Phone is a 24/7, national support service for children and youth. The organization offers professional counselling, information, and referrals, as well as volunteer-led, text-based support, to young people across the country in English and French. Their service is completely confidential.

#### **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).

**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 to keep our families, neighbours and community safe and to do our part to limit the spread of COVID-19. should the offices be closed in the future to the public**

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

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