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Community Message from Mayor Virginia Hackson

On Monday, the Province of Ontario announced that York Region will move to Stage Three of Ontario's framework for reopening for province tomorrow (Friday, July 24, 2020). This is an exciting time as we begin to have an additional sense of normalization with nearly all businesses and public spaces permitted to gradually reopen ensuring public health and workplace safety restrictions are in place. Some of the businesses that will be permitted to reopen include gyms/fitness studios, libraries, community centres and indoor seating at restaurants.

Here in East Gwillimbury we will be taking a cautious and phased approach to reopening our facilities including our libraries, community centres, and playgrounds. Town staff are currently reviewing the guidelines and documentation from the Province and will ensure that we are working hard to move forward in a safe manner before opening any facilities.

Residents can expect our playgrounds to open next week once proper signage and procedures are posted at each facility. Further details regarding the reopening of playgrounds will be shared through the Town Page next week, on our social media channels and on our website at www.eastgwillimbury.ca/COVID19

I caution everyone that we must remain diligent in our efforts to flatten this curve. Although this is a positive step in the right direction, the risk of spreading COVID-19 still exists. We must continue to practice physical distancing and frequent hand washing and sanitizing. In addition, those who can must wear a face mask or covering in all indoor public spaces in York Region and outdoor spaces where physical distancing is difficult.

Again, please understand and respect that not everyone is able to wear a mask and I continue to ask that you please be kind to one another, and do not judge those who are not wearing a mask.

Virginia Hackson