



# Town of East Gwillimbury

## MEMORANDUM

To: Council

Date: July 28, 2021

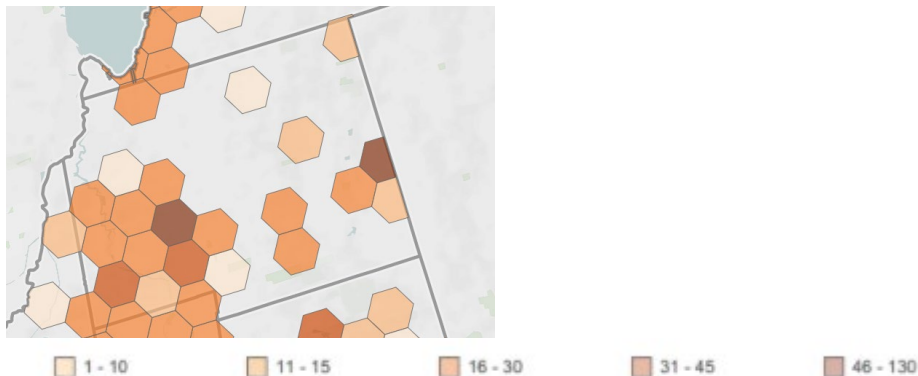
Subject: COVID-19 Update 2021-12

Origin: COVID-19 Control Group

The COVID-19 Control Group continues to meet and is in regular communication with Council, neighbouring municipalities, and York Region. The group also continues to work closely with provincial and York Region Public Health Officials regarding this public health crisis.

### East Gwillimbury COVID-19 Data and Statistics

Residents can access COVID-19 data through York Region's website at [www.york.ca/covid19](http://www.york.ca/covid19). This information can be drilled down to show positive cases through an interactive dashboard for each municipality. This dashboard is available under *maps* at [www.york.ca/covid19data](http://www.york.ca/covid19data). The below image showcases cases in EG throughout COVID-19.



East Gwillimbury Metrics	June 11, 2021	July 22, 2021
Total Confirmed Cases	1130	1139
Total Resolved/Recovered Cases	1123	1132
Total Active Cases	1	1
Total Confirmed Deaths	6	6
Total Cases Reported in last 7 days	2	1
Total Current Outbreaks (Institutional and workplace)	1 (workplace)	0
Total Closed Outbreaks	42	42
Total Variant Cases Identified	418	424

## **Roadmap to Reopen – Province to Entered Step 3 on July 16, 2021**

The Province moved to Step 3 of its reopening plan on Friday, July 16, allowing for larger indoor and outdoor gatherings.

- The move allows for outdoor social gatherings of up to 100 people and up to 25 people for indoor social gatherings and organized public events.
- Indoor sports and recreational fitness facilities, including gyms, are able to open again at 50 per cent capacity or a maximum of 1,000 people, whichever is less.
- Indoor dining, retail and personal care have no capacity limits as long as patrons can properly physically distance.
- Religious services and events such as weddings and funerals can also operate indoors, as long as people are following other public health measures.
- Places such as museums, aquariums, casinos and bingo halls can run at 50 per cent capacity indoors and 75 per cent outdoors. Cinemas are also allowed to open under the same restrictions (the sale of popcorn and other food will be allowed).

The province will remain in Step 3 for at least 21 days and until 80% of the eligible population aged 12 and over has received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and 75% have received their second, with no public health unit having less than 70% of their eligible population aged 12 and over fully vaccinated. Other key public health and health care indicators must also continue to remain stable. Upon meeting these thresholds, the vast majority of public health and workplace safety measures will be lifted.

As of Wednesday July 22, 2021, [in Ontario](#), approximately 80% of adults (18+) have received at least one dose and approximately 65% of adults (18+) are fully vaccination. In [York Region](#), approximately 81% of adults (18+) have received at least one dose and approximately 69% are fully vaccination.

### **Municipal Impacts**

#### **Outdoor Movies (Wednesdays in August)**

Outdoor Movies have been scheduled to meet provincial and regional health measures. Movies will be held at the Sharon Temple for controlled access and will begin at dusk. Pre-registration will be required. Movies will take place on August 11, 18, 25 and September 1.

### **Music nights are coming back (Tuesdays in September)**

Music nights will take place on September 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Sharon Temple. Pre-registration is required. Staff will be working with Public Health to ensure a safe return to town events.

### **Summer Camps**

Camp kicked off on Monday, July 5 and many of our camps are fully booked. Under the Ministry of Health COVID-19 Guidance for Day Camps in Step 2, cohorts while outside do not need to wear a mask or social distance. These updates are in effect for week 2 of camps. At present social distancing and masking are required when mixing with others.

### **Farmers' Market**

The Town of East Gwillimbury Farmers' Market continues to operate every Thursday in compliance with current provincial health restrictions. Now that the province is in step 3, the EGFM is working on a variety of Market Events that will include activities for families, children, music and sit-down food options.

### **Use of Picnic Shelters**

As part of Step 2 and 3, group gatherings and picnic shelters have been permitted out for use to host birthday parties, and family functions. Permit holders are reminded of the provincial and regional requirements as it pertains to COVID-19 and must operate in accordance with gathering limits.

### **Mount Albert Lions (Multiple Saturdays, July 31, August 14, 28 & September 4)**

The Mount Albert Lions will be hosting BBQs at the Mount Albert Community Centre Picnic Shelter on July 31, August 14 and 28. This is a public event where the community can purchase food and enjoy the park space. Town staff are working with York Region Public Health to ensure all health measures are met.

### **Nature Day (September 18)**

CPRC is working with our local partners to provide an in-person Nature Day Event at the Ross Family Complex on Saturday, September 18. More event details will come later in August and staff will continue to work with York Region Public Health.

## **Return to Ice Programs**

Public skating programs will be offered at the East Gwillimbury Sports Complex from August 3 to September 3. Some programs are available on a first come first serve basis. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time for participants to complete the COVID-19 active screening. Drop-in programs include public skating, Parent and Tot and Adult Shinny. Registered hockey clinics will be offered and will continue to be a registered program. For more information, capacity limits and to register, visit [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/publicskating](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/publicskating)

## **East Gwillimbury Public Library**

Under Step 3 of the Roadmap to Reopen, libraries are open to the public for in-person browsing, computer use and other services such as faxing and photocopying. The library will also offer a place to cool off as temperatures continue to rise. Cooling centres will adhere to provincial and Public Health guidelines and follow all practices that are in place at the library. Masks are required and occupancy at both branches will not exceed a total of 15 people per library space. Complimentary masks are provided if needed. Summer is here so join an in-person program safely outdoors. Please visit [www.egpl.ca](http://www.egpl.ca) to register.

## **EGPL Hours of Operation**

Sunday: Closed

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## **Recovery**

### **Phased increased access to facilities is anticipated to begin in the August to September timeframe**

In September 2020, the COVID-19 Control Group developed a Response Framework strategy as a tool to guide the resumption of public access to Town facilities. The framework has since been updated to align with the [province's 3-Step Roadmap to Reopen](#).

The Response Framework allows the Town to immediately begin planning for and implementing the expanded/enhanced public access for in-person services to Town facilities in accordance with the established priority-based structure. The Framework will guide the in-person resumption of services that have been suspended or where in-person service meets a resident or business preference.

The Framework will ensure that any necessary physical infrastructure, staff training, and technology requirements are met in preparation for reopening. (The framework recognizes that those services essential to public health and safety have continued to be maintained throughout the pandemic in accordance with established health and safety protocols.)

Examples of in-person services include: issuance of marriage licences, conducting civil ceremonies, commissioner of oaths, in-person bill payments, and in-person meetings with Planning and Building Branch staff to review plans.

The Town continues to monitor the federal and provincial updates and Public Health guidelines with respect to expansion of in-person gatherings to ensure that all the required safety protocols are in place as access to facilities is increased. These include maintaining physical distancing of 2 metres from others, regular hand hygiene/sanitizing, completing the COVID-19 screening form, disinfecting common surfaces, wearing a face mask or covering when indoors, and wearing PPE consisting of a medical mask and protective eyewear when working within 2 meters of others.

### **Build Back Better – Opportunities for Enhancement to Service Delivery**

In preparing for post-COVID-19 operations, staff initiated a strategic planning process to leverage the learning and technological advancements that have taken place during the pandemic as the Municipality adjusted to virtual operations and service delivery. The report is now in the final stages of data collection and analysis.

The Build Back Better report and recommendations will lay the foundation for the Town to effectively meet the challenges and opportunities of a post-pandemic work environment while continuing to enhance service delivery. It considers diverse inputs including regional analyses, emerging best practices, and direct feedback from Members of Council, staff, and residents. In contrast to the Response Framework, which focuses on the immediate need to resume in-person service delivery, the Build Back Better plan will offer a longer-term vision for enhanced service delivery through tactics that may include, but are not limited to expanded service hours, new service delivery options, flexible work arrangements, and technology enhancements. Further updates will be provided in September.

### **State of Emergency Update**

Staff is working collaboratively in conjunction with other municipalities to propose a coordinated approach with respect to the termination of the Town's declared state of emergency.

### **York Region held 2<sup>nd</sup> Pop-up Clinic in EG from July 10 to 12**

York Region, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, hosted a Pop-up COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at the East Gwillimbury Sports Complex from Saturday, July 10 to Monday, July 12. The clinic was initially scheduled for July 10 to 11 with 1,200 total

doses available. All appointments were booked within 48 hours. Given the demand, an additional date of Monday, June 12 was scheduled.

The clinic was set up and operated by the Canadian Red Cross and supported by the Town of East Gwillimbury COVID-19 Control Group, facility staff and Emergency Services. The clinic vaccinated a total of 1,173 individuals, including booked appointments for first or second doses and walk ins.



### **York Region Walk-in clinics**

York Region, Ministry of Health and Canadian Red Cross are hosting a series of pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinics across York Region. These walk-in locations provide easy access to first and second doses to anyone age 12+ who lives, works or goes to school in York Region.

Walk-in clinics are for first and second doses, no appointments required.

- Aaniin Community Centre in the City of Markham
- Cornell Community Centre in the City of Markham
- Georgina Ice Palace in the Town of Georgina
- Maple Community Centre in the City of Vaughan
- Ray Twinney Complex in the Town of Newmarket
- Richmond Green Centre in the City of Richmond Hill
- SoccerCity Drive Thru in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
- Trisan Centre in the Township of King

Walk-in hours vary at each York Region clinic. For more information, visit [www.york.ca/covid19vaccine](http://www.york.ca/covid19vaccine)