



Town of East Gwillimbury

MEMORANDUM

To: Council

Date: November 17, 2020

Subject: COVID-19 Update #13

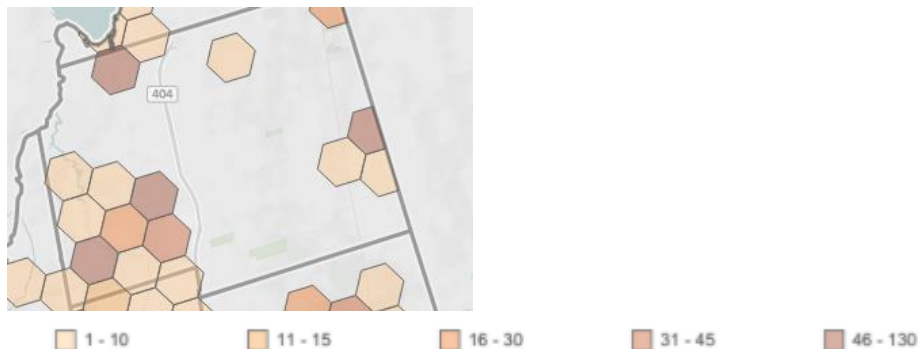
Origin: COVID-19 Control Group

COVID-19 Control Group Updates

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. 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. The below image is data as of November 12, 2020:



Below is a chart of the East Gwillimbury specific data:

	Oct 29, 2020	Nov 12, 2020
Total Confirmed Cases	148	161
Total Resolved/Recovered Cases	126	150
Total Active Cases	21	10
Total Confirmed Deaths	1	1
Total Cases Reported in last 7 days	18	9

COVID-19 Response Framework to Help Keep the Province Safe and Open

Effective Saturday November 6, 2020, the Province released the [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#). This new framework provides colour coded levels for service provision and restrictions. The levels are applied to jurisdictions based on health units and the COVID-19 infection rates per week within each jurisdiction.

The Province assigns a Risk Response Objective (such as 'Prevent', 'Protect', 'Restrict', 'Control' or 'Lockdown') based on ongoing assessments of COVID-19 infections and the capacity of the healthcare system to respond to healthcare demands. The framework details how restrictions are tightened or loosened in response to transmission rates and the changing conditions imposed by the pandemic.

On November 13, 2020, the Province announced that York Region would move into the Red/Control level as of Monday, November 16. More details will be shared as available.

The Red/Control level includes broader-scale measures and restrictions across multiple sectors to control transmission (return to modified Stage 2). Restrictions are the most severe available before widescale business or organizational closure.

Town's Recovery Framework Updates

The COVID-19 Control Group has developed a framework that corresponds to Ontario's Framework which allows us to plan for service delivery and access to our facilities. The Plan acknowledges that some services are essential to public health and safety and must be maintained such as Emergency Services and services that support critical municipal infrastructure. It also recognizes that other "non-essential" services may be restricted in response to increased risk. The Town's Recovery Framework provides clear guidance and a priority-based structure for expanding or restricting in-person service delivery.

The following are operational and restriction adjustments for Town facilities based on the new Provincial update:

- Town pre-registered programming will remain at 10 persons per facility room space.
- Arena Space Occupancy - Not to exceed 10 per arena. For hockey and skating programs this can include caregivers (one person per participant) provided the arena space does not exceed 10. Total occupancy for the entire facility is not to exceed 50.
- Town staff recommend maintaining a reduced rate for ice permits due to the reduced occupancy numbers.
- Team sports may train but no games or scrimmages are permitted.

- The Town has a safety plan available including all enhanced safety measures, as per the Provincial orders.
- All enhanced safety measures will continue including screening and contact tracing protocols.

As the pandemic continues, there may be subsequent waves of infection that necessitate a more restrictive approach to service delivery followed by periods of reduced risk. That cycle is likely to continue until there is a vaccine or other permanent resolution to the pandemic. The response framework allows the Town to adapt its operations in a timely, efficient, and consistent way that eliminates the need to 'reinvent the wheel' each time conditions change.

Cold Weather Warming Centres

Community Parks Recreation and Culture staff are reviewing the potential to have sections of municipal facilities in each community provide warming centres in the winter months. Warming centres must be compliant with Provincial restrictions and occupancy limits (currently not to exceed 10 occupants). Further confirmation of warming centres will be provided at the December 1, 2020 Council meeting.

Outdoor Skating

Community Parks Recreation and Culture staff are reviewing the potential to have outdoor skating offered on the lit sports courts at the recently redeveloped Mount Albert Community Centre Park and the New Ridgeview Park Phase 2 in Holland Landing. All outdoor skating must be compliant with Provincial restrictions for occupancy limits for outdoor spaces. Further confirmation of outdoor skating will be provided at the December 1, 2020 Council meeting.

Council Chambers Hybrid Readiness Plan

Staff is currently developing a strategic plan to accommodate a hybrid model of in-person and electronic appearances by staff, councillors, members of the public and deputants. This plan will follow Provincial and York Region Public Health guidelines and will incorporate appropriate physical distancing measures in Council Chambers, as well as required technology reconfigurations to implement and host a hybrid e-Council meeting. It is anticipated that a plan will be presented in Q1 of 2021.