



Town of East Gwillimbury

MEMORANDUM

To: Council

Date: February 17, 2021

Subject: COVID-19 Update 2021-3

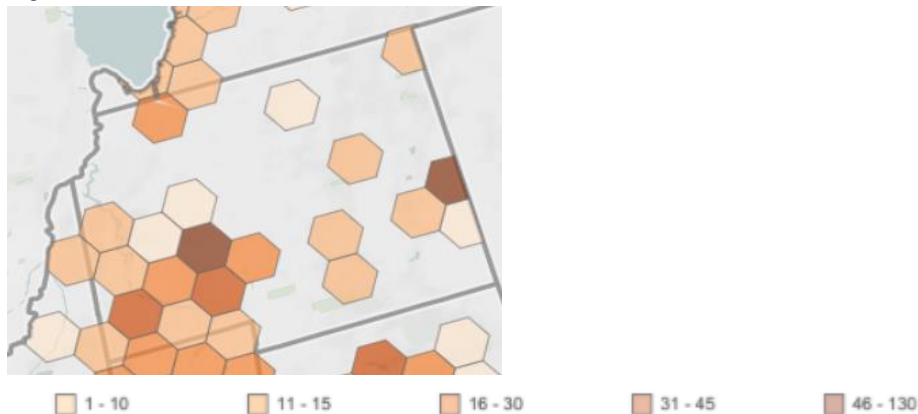
Origin: COVID-19 Control Group

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 February 10, 2021:



East Gwillimbury Metrics	Jan 28, 2021	Feb 10, 2021
Total Confirmed Cases	492	549
Total Resolved/Recovered Cases	454	499
Total Active Cases	37	48
Total Confirmed Deaths	1	2
Total Cases Reported in last 7 days	37	44
Total Current Outbreaks (Institutional and workplace)	7	1 (institutional)
Total Closed Outbreaks (institutional and workplace settings)	N/A	22
Total Variant Cases Identified	N/A	2

Provincial Announcement

On Monday, February 8, 2021, the Province, in coordination with health officials [announced](#) that the Ontario government will be moving to a regional approach to manage COVID-19 public health guidelines.

The January 12, 2021 Provincial Declaration of Emergency (O.Reg 7/21), made under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (“EMCPA”), expired on February 9, 2021.

The January 13, 2021 Provincial Stay-at-Home Order (O.Reg 11/21), also made under the EMCPA, was amended on February 8, 2021 (O.Reg 94/21) to restrict its application to specified Provincial health units instead of the entire Province.

Presently, the Stay-at-Home Order continues to apply to the York Regional Health Unit (O.Reg 63/21) until February 22, 2021 at which time the order is revoked unless the Province acts to extend it.

York Region is in the “Shut Down Zone” under the Reopening Ontario Act, 2020 and remains subject to lockdown rules and regulations.

As part of the new approach, the province will gradually transition each region from the shutdown measures to a revised and strengthened [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#). The updated framework allows for a [safer approach to retail](#); limited in-person shopping in Grey-Lockdown zones will be permitted with public health and safety measures. It is not currently known what level York Region will be placed in following February 22.

Recognizing the risk posed by new variants to the province's pandemic response, Ontario is also introducing an "emergency brake" to allow for immediate action if a public health unit region experiences rapid acceleration in COVID-19 transmission or if its health care system risks becoming overwhelmed.

COVID-19 Variants

Transmission of COVID-19 variants is occurring in York Region through community spread. These variants transmit between people more easily and spread more rapidly than the original strain of COVID-19. Residents are reminded that they can reduce the transmission of the more contagious COVID-19 variants by continuing to follow public health measures and by staying home, except for essential reasons.

COVID-19 Isolation Centre

York Region has established a COVID-19 Voluntary Isolation Centre for COVID-19 positive individuals who are unable to safely self-isolate away from others in their household. There is no cost for eligible residents to stay at the Centre and the stay is entirely voluntary. The Centre is funded by the Provincial Government and operated by the Canadian Red Cross on York Region's behalf.

Eligible residents include individuals waiting for COVID-19 test results, COVID-19 positive or likely COVID-19 positive, or a close contact of a COVID-19 positive case.

For more information residents are encouraged to call Access York at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 72500 (TTY 1-866-512-6228), or email accessyork@york.ca for more information.

Parks and Recreation Update

The following are seasonal updates from the Community Parks Recreation and Culture (CPRC) department:

- Outdoor skating continues in both Mount Albert and Holland Landing. CPRC is registering, on average, 800 residents to skate per week.
- Parks continues to provide enhanced levels of winter maintenance to parking lots at trailheads and select community parks including some walkways.
- The facilities branch will hold-off on ice removal until after February 22, 2021 as there could be potential for adjustments to public health restrictions which may permit indoor ice use. CPRC has followed-up with affiliated sports groups and users including Minor Hockey and Skating Club and have confirmed use until end of April.
- CPRC continues with expanded and enhanced online programming in response to the provincial restrictions with over 20 registered programs from this past Winter season session.
- The Spring/Summer program session will be released with two separate online guide updates. General programs will be released on March 1 and Summer Camps will be released on April 13.
- At this time, CPRC staff are planning for some in-person programs and camps with enhanced COVID-19 safety measures. These would only be permitted if public health recommendations permit.
- Special Events implemented a virtual Family Day Event and continues to plan and expand the in-person Farmers Market with the Farmers Market Programmer and Committee.
- As supported by Council, Recreation has worked in partnership with the EG Public Library, residents, community partners and businesses to implement the **Shine Some Love** initiative which promotes positivity by hanging a sunshine or heart emblem on designated trees in Mount Albert, Sharon and Holland Landing

between February 22 and March 22, 2021. Donations from the program will be provided to the Southlake Regional Healthcare Centre. Information about the program will be shared on our website and social media beginning the week of February 15-19, following Family Day.