



# Town of East Gwillimbury

## MEMORANDUM

To: Council

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Subject: COVID-19 Update 2022-02

Origin: COVID-19 Control Group

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Since the emergency operations centre was first activated on March 13, 2020, the COVID-19 Control Group continues to meet and is in regular communication with Council, neighbouring municipalities, and York Region. The group continues to work closely with provincial and York Region Public Health Officials to manage this coordinated response. This memorandum represents the 34<sup>th</sup> update to council since the onset of the public health crisis.

### East Gwillimbury COVID-19 Data and Statistics

With the rapid transmission of COVID-19 and recent provincial changes in testing eligibility and case management, case counts and outbreaks reported through the COVID-19 in York Region interactive dashboard are less than true number of individuals with COVID-19 and outbreaks in York Region. Case counts and trends should be interpreted with caution. Public Health Units across Ontario are prioritizing case management of high-risk individuals and settings. Workplace outbreaks are no longer reported. Residents can access COVID-19 data through York Region's website at [www.york.ca/covid19](http://www.york.ca/covid19).

<b>Total Ontario population</b> Since December 15, 2020	<b>Percentage</b> Of 5+	<b>Percentage</b> Of 12+	<b>Percentage</b> of all ages
<b>Partially vaccination</b>	6%	3%	5%
<b>Fully vaccinated</b>	83%	89%	79%
<b>Total</b>	89%	92%	84%

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## Provincial Updates

### Ontario Cautiously and Gradually Ease Public Health Measures

Effective January 31, 2022, at 12:01 a.m., the province will cautiously follow and phased approach to lifting public health measures with 21 days between each step. In the absence of concerning trends in public health and health care indicators additional relief on public health measures are scheduled for February 22 and March 14, 2022.

Updated public health measures include:

- increasing social gathering limits to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors
- increasing capacity at organized public events to 25 people indoors
- increasing or maintaining capacity limits at 50 per cent in most indoor public settings, including but not limited to:
  - restaurants, bars, other food or drink establishments without dance facilities and strip clubs
  - non-spectator areas of facilities used for sports and recreational fitness activities (such as gyms and businesses offering personal fitness training)
  - cinemas
  - meeting and event spaces
  - museums, galleries, aquariums, zoos, science centres, landmarks, historic sites, botanical gardens and similar attractions
  - casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establishments
- allowing indoor spectator areas of facilities used for sports and recreational fitness activities (such as sporting events), concert venues, and theatres to operate at 50 per cent of the usual seating capacity or 500 people, whichever is less
- proof of vaccination requirements would continue to apply in existing settings
- singing and dancing in restaurants and bars and other select settings will not be allowed except for workers or performers
- requiring the number of patrons permitted to sit at a table in bars and restaurants and meeting and event spaces and other venues at which food or drink is sold or served, including nightclubs, restobars and strip clubs that serve food and drink to be limited to 10 people and patrons must remain seated

- prohibiting food or drink services at indoor sporting events, concert venues, theatres and cinemas, bingo halls and other gaming establishments, and horse racing tracks, car racing tracks and other similar venues.
- requiring patrons to remain seated at concert venues, theatres and cinemas

## **Municipal Impacts**

### **Town's Response Framework**

In September 2020, the COVID-19 Control Group developed a Response Framework 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 3-Step Roadmap to Reopen allows for a cautious and safe re-opening that aligns the actions of the Town of East Gwillimbury with the recommendations and guidelines from the Province of Ontario, York Region Public Health, and other authorities. The Town will only move from one phase to the next when prepared to do so safely and with all necessary precautions in place.

### **Civic Centre Reopening**

On January 5, the Civic Centre was closed to public access due to increasing COVID-19 cases. These steps were aligned with the Town's risk-based decision-making framework that considers provincial regulations and Public Health direction.

In keeping with the province's approach to cautiously lift public health measures, the Civic Centre will re-open on Monday, January 31 to staff and the public. Residents will continue to be encouraged to schedule appointments to meet with staff. Marriage license applications and Civil Ceremonies will also resume on an appointment basis. Residents are encouraged to contact Customer Service at 905-478-4282, [customerservice@eastgwillimbury.ca](mailto:customerservice@eastgwillimbury.ca). Information is also available at [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/covid19](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/covid19)

### **Community Parks, Recreation, and Culture**

The Ontario government has announced it will slowly ease public health measures that have been in place since January 5.

As of January 31 the East Gwillimbury Sports Complex, Ross Family Complex and Holland Landing Community Centre will open at 50% capacity for all drop-in programs, registered programs, sports groups and organizations with following additional public health measures:

- To assist with maintaining the 50% capacity within our facilities, at this time only one spectator per participant is permitted.

- Enhanced Vaccine Certificates with QR codes are required for those 12 years of age and older entering municipal facilities where proof of vaccination is mandatory.
- Face coverings must be worn at all times while in the facility. This includes the outdoor grounds wherever physical distancing is not possible or may be difficult to maintain. Exception: Face masks may be removed temporarily when participating in sport or physical activity.
- Physical distancing is required.
- All individuals are required to complete the Active Screening prior to entering the facility. Screening can be completed on-line at [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/egcovidapp](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/egcovidapp)
- At this time, no food or drink will be permitted within our facilities. Exception: Those participating in sport or physical activity.

The library branches located inside of the Ross Family Complex and Holland Landing Community Centre will remain open with limited capacity of 15 customers per branch, with a continued hold on in-person programming. Public health measures will be maintained and enforced including physical distancing and required face mask use for staff and visitors. Staff will continue to provide support to residents for Covid-19 vaccine appointment booking and printing of their enhanced vaccine certificates. Curb-side pickup is available, for more information, visit [www.egpl.ca/Library](http://www.egpl.ca/Library)