



Town of East Gwillimbury

MEMORANDUM

To: Council

Date: November 3, 2020

Subject: COVID-19 Update #12

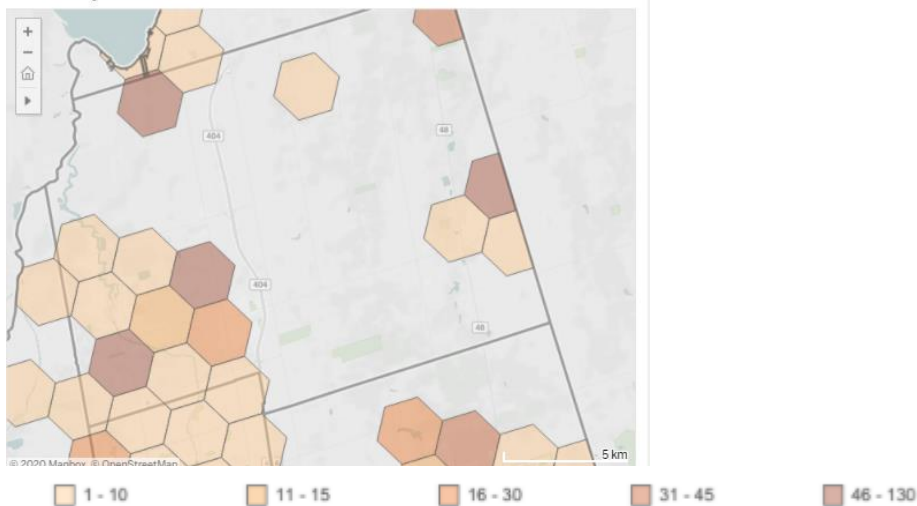
Origin: COVID-19 Control Group

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

The Town of East Gwillimbury continues to have a low number of active cases however, the Town has seen an increase in cases in recent weeks. York Region has developed an interactive dashboard for each municipality with recent case numbers. This dashboard is available under *maps* at <http://www.york.ca/covid19data>. These interactive maps show positive cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 residents, per week. The information represents the community population, and exclude cases residing in long term care homes or community care settings. The data can be targeted to a specific time-period, or all time. The below image is data as of October 24, 2020.



Below is a chart of the East Gwillimbury specific data as of October 29, 2020:

	October 15, 2020	October 29, 2020
Total Confirmed Cases	114	148
Total Resolved/Recovered Cases	96	126
Total Active Cases	17	21
Total Confirmed Deaths	1	1
Total Cases Reported in last 7 days	18	18
Active Institutional Outbreaks	2	1

Civic Centre Staffing

With East Gwillimbury and York Region returning to a Modified Stage Two, the COVID-19 Control Group has re-evaluated the ability to have staff working in the Civic Centre. At this time, the Civic Centre capacity is 15 employees per day. Only Priority One staff and Council members are permitted to work from the Civic Centre. These are individuals who are unable to complete their services remotely due to internet connectivity or service provision. This will be in effect for 28 days (starting October 19, 2020), in alignment with the Provincial modified stage two timeline. Following the 28 days, the COVID-19 Control Group will review this position and will provide an update based on the current regional/provincial public health advice and restrictions.

East Gwillimbury Public Library Update

In the Province's Modified Stage 2, libraries can operate with open stacks, and the 10-limit indoor occupancy. The Library will move forward using this operating model, and continue to follow additional safety precautions including enhanced cleaning and offering a grab-and-go visiting model.

Remembrance Day Virtual Ceremony

Due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions and the current public health guidelines, the Town is hosting a virtual Remembrance Day Service. The ceremony was pre-recorded and will be made available through the Town's website/social media channels on November 11.

The video includes many aspects of the Town's traditional in-person ceremony including messages from our local MP Scot Davidson, MPP Caroline Mulroney and Mayor Hackson.

Wreaths ordered through the Mount Albert & District Legion will be laid by a Legion representative at the Town's cenotaph the morning of November 11, 2020.

Residents are invited to visit the cenotaph on Remembrance Day to pay their respects and will be reminded to practice physical and social distancing and stand aside until others have completed their visit before approaching the site.

“Santa is Coming to Town” – Santa Tour of EG

In lieu of an in-person Santa Clause parade, the Town is working with York Regional Police, the Mount Albert Lions, and Santa to have Santa and Mrs. Claus visit each of the East Gwillimbury communities.

On Saturday, December 5 and Sunday, December 12 Santa will tour through each of the East Gwillimbury communities riding a float escorted by Town staff, York Regional Police, and an East Gwillimbury fire truck. Families will be invited to wave to Santa as he goes by from the end of their driveway.

Marketing will begin November 6 on social media and the Town website. The official route is still being developed and will be shared on November 30. For those who are unable to see Santa on the tour, Santa will also be able to park at one location and invite residents to drive by and see Santa. The exact date, time and location will be provided.

Holiday and Christmas Closures at EG Community Centres & Libraries

The EG Sports Complex, Ross Family Complex and Holland Landing Community Centre recreation facilities will be closed from December 24 at 12 noon until 8:30 a.m. on January 4.

The Library will remain open with the following schedule:

Dates	Hours
December 24-28	Closed
December 29	Open 3 to 8 p.m.
December 30	Open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
December 31-January 1	Closed
January 2	Open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
January 3-4	Closed
January 5	Open 3 to 8 p.m.

Holiday and Christmas Lighting Displays

The Town will be providing holiday and Christmas lighting at the following locations:

- East Gwillimbury Civic Centre
- Large tree at the front of the East Gwillimbury Sports Complex
- Holland Landing Community Centre
- Mount Albert Community Centre Park and tree in partnership with the Mount Albert Village Association

The Town will not be hosting any tree lighting events.

Holiday Card Contest

On October 24, 2020, the Town launched its second annual holiday card contest. The contest invites local youth, aged 5 to 7 and 8 to 12, to submit a drawing to potentially be on the cover of the Town's 2020 holiday card.

Participants can drop off their drawing in the drop-box at the front of the Civic Centre, or email it to communications@eastgwillimbury.ca. Participants should include the name, age of artist and contact information for a parent or guardian. One winner from each age group will be selected and the winner will receive a \$100 gift card to a local business. The contest closes November 6, 2020.



2019 holiday card winner

Employee Outreach

The wellness of employees continues to be a core priority for the Town. We continue with update communications as required, typically on a weekly basis. We also host monthly virtual all-employee meetings to provide an opportunity for employees to ask questions regarding the Town's COVID-19 response. Topics that will be addressed at the next employee meeting include employee sick and vacation time, improved PPE for staff, ergonomic assessments for employees, mental health, remote work check in and upcoming events such as the Town's Remembrance Day Ceremony and Santa Claus parade.