

City outlines impact of move to Grey-Lockdown level of Provincial COVID-19 Response Framework

Feb. 12, 2021 – City facilities will remain closed after the Province announced that Niagara will enter the Grey - Lockdown level of the <u>Ontario COVID-19 Response</u> <u>Framework</u> on Feb. 16.

The City's approach to the Grey category is based on limiting contact where possible, responding to the social, mental and physical needs of the community, maintaining enhanced safety protocols, and continuing to offer innovative ways to stay connected to the community via virtual experiences at <u>www.stcatharines.ca/VirtualExperiences</u>.

Based on direction from the Province the following will continue to be instituted at City facilities:

City Hall

Closed to the public, remote service delivery continues

St. Catharines Museum and Welland Canals Centre

• Closed to the public.

Farmers Market

- Open Saturdays only, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., with enhanced safety measures
- One patron per vendor
- Increased facility monitors will be onsite to manage lines
- Masks are required

Arenas (Seymour-Sports and Entertainment Centre and Garden City Arena Complex)

Closed to the public

Community Centres (Russell Avenue and Port Weller)

Closed to the public

Older Adult Centres

• Closed to the public

St. Catharines Kiwanis Aquatics Centre

- Closed to the public
- Contact <u>aquatics@stcatharines.ca</u> to request refunds





Recreational Programming

- In-person programming cancelled until further notice
- The City will continue to deliver virtual programming and connecting with older adults via phone

In addition to the framework guidance, members of the public are reminded of the following:

- Restrict close contacts to your household members only and essential supports. Those who live alone may join with another household for support.
- All in-person activities should be limited outside of the home to essential activities only, this includes work, school, fitness and exercise, access to healthcare, and the purchase of food or drink, gasoline, and automobile maintenance.
- Wear a mask or face covering when around others from another household, out in public places, or outdoors when unable to stay physically distant.
- Wash your hands often.
- If you have any COVID-19 symptoms or are not feeling well, stay isolated at home and get tested for COVID-19.

A complete list of closures and program disruptions can be found at <u>www.stcatharines.ca/COVID19</u>.

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