

**PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTION TO ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN THE EASTERN ONTARIO HEALTH UNIT (EOHU) REGION
BY THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, ISSUED FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020**

AS PART OF OUR COLLECTIVE PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES TO CONTAIN AND PREVENT POTENTIAL WIDESPREAD COMMUNITY ACTIVITY OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS, I, DR. PAUL ROUMELIOTIS, MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, DIRECT ALL EOHU REGION MUNICIPALITIES TO:

1. Close all community/sports complexes to the public until April 5, 2020.
2. Maintain municipal libraries open only under the following conditions:
 - *Increase staff awareness about COVID-19*
 - *Screen for and exclude users and/or staff exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19*
 - *Ensure users and staff practice personal protective measures (e.g., frequent hand hygiene, avoid touching eyes/nose/mouth)*
 - *Provide access to handwashing facilities and place hand sanitizing dispensers in prominent locations throughout the facility*
 - *Increase desk/chair distance between students (2 meters)*
 - *Cancel all events/meetings/gatherings*
 - *Restrict access to common areas*
 - *Follow regular cleaning and disinfecting regimes, both in terms of products used and surfaces targeted, and increase the frequency of cleaning as necessary.*
 - *Increase the frequency of cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (e.g., phones, elevator buttons, computers, desks, tables, kitchens, washrooms, seating areas, surface counters, customer service counters)*
 - *Where feasible, increase the distance between desks and tables as well as individuals from each other, ideally a 2-metre separation should be maintained, unless there is a physical barrier (e.g., cubicle, Plexiglas window)*

If the above measures and precautions are not possible in a library, then the library will need to close.

NOTE: Community library closures may be considered in the future, based on local conditions and a local COVID-19 activity.

THE ABOVE DIRECTIVES MAY BE MODIFIED, CHANGED, OR EXTENDED AT ANY TIME BASED ON TRENDS OF COMMUNITY WIDE COVID-19 ACTIVITY.



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