



## Port Colborne outlines Grey-Lockdown restrictions on City facilities

**Port Colborne, ON (Feb. 16, 2021)** – Effective today, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021, the City of Port Colborne, along with the rest of Niagara, will move to the Grey-Lockdown level of the *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework*.

On Friday, Feb. 12, 2021, the Ontario Government announced 27 public health regions would transition out of the stay-at-home order and into a revised and strengthened COVID-19 response framework. Niagara Region will be in Grey-Lockdown for approximately two weeks, while the province and the Region closely monitor the impacts of these measures.

“We’ve started to see a decrease in cases in Niagara,” said Mayor Bill Steele. “Although this is positive, we’re not in the clear just yet. We still need to take necessary precautions to opening the City, while keeping the health and safety of residents our top priority.”

New to Grey-Lockdown, as described in the [Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework](#), in-person shopping will be permitted for all retail stores, subject to the following:

- 50 per cent capacity for supermarkets and other stores that primarily sell groceries, convenience stores and pharmacies
- 25 per cent capacity for all other retail, including discount and big box retailers, liquor stores, hardware stores and garden centres
- Hair salons, barbershops, tattoo parlors and gyms will remain closed

The City of Port Colborne is committed to ensuring the health and safety of residents and staff, while continuing to provide customer service to the community. City services will experience the following changes:

### **City Hall Municipal Offices**

- City Hall will continue to serve residents by appointment. In-person appointments will be scheduled for essential and time sensitive services. Where possible, services will be provided through remote means.
- To access City services, please call our customer service representative team at 905-835-2900.

### **Vale Health & Wellness Centre**

- Closed to the public
- YMCA programs and services will also be closed to the public

### **Public Works**

- Essential City services, including but not limited to, road maintenance, snow removal and water and wastewater operations will continue

## **The Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum**

- Closed to the public
- Individuals interested in booking a service for once the lockdown is over, may call the Museum at 905-834-7604 and provide their name and number.

## **The Port Colborne Public Library**

- Curbside pickup only, available Monday – Saturday, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- No in-person services available. The book drop is available 24 hours a day.

“On behalf of City Council and staff, thank you for doing your part in keeping our community safe,” said, Mayor Bill Steele. “We know this is frustrating and challenging, but by following the provincial guidelines, you are making a difference.”

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 face covering when around others from another household, out in public places, or outdoors when unable to stay physically distant
- Wash hands often
- If you have any COVID-19 symptoms or are not feeling well, stay isolated at home and get tested for COVID-19

For more information, please visit [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca).

## **About City of Port Colborne**

Located on the south coast of the scenic Niagara Region, Niagara’s Port of Call has found the perfect balance – successful industrial and commercial sectors, comfortable and scenic residential areas, white sand beaches, unique culinary choices, the world class Sugarloaf Marina, fishing, golfing, trails, shopping districts along the historic Welland Canal and an energized festival and entertainment scene that includes live theatre – truly a community that adds to the overall Niagara Experience.

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