



Port Colborne outlines City facility updates as province moves to Step 3

Port Colborne, ON (July 15, 2021) – Effective Friday, July 16, 2021, at 12:01 a.m., the City of Port Colborne, along with the rest of Ontario, will move to Step 3 of the [Roadmap to Reopen](#) based on the ongoing progress of vaccination rates and improvements of key public health indicators.

The following will take effect Friday, July 16, 2021:

- Outdoor social gatherings and organized public events for up to 100 people
- Indoor social gatherings and organized public events for up to 25 people
- Indoor dining with no limits to the number of patrons per table
- Retail with capacity limited to ensure physical distancing
- Indoor religious services, rites, or ceremony gatherings with physical distancing
- Indoor sports and recreational fitness facilities with capacity limits
- Personal care services with capacity limited to ensure physical distancing
- Museums, casinos, and bingo halls with capacity limits
- Cinemas, concert, theatres, and other performing arts venues with capacity limits
 - For more information, please visit the Government of Ontario [website](#)

City facilities and 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

- The walking track and rink 1 will reopen and resume programming to the public on **Tuesday, July 20, 2021**. Those accessing the walking track will be required to wear a mask. Parents and guardians will be required to wear masks while in the arena. For more information on ice rentals, please email bryan.theal@portcolborne.ca.
- Sledge hockey will resume play. The Brock Niagara Penguins will play their 2021/22 season at the VHWC and the City will host the Sledge Team Ontario camp this September.
- Outdoor sports, including minor baseball, minor soccer, co-ed, and men's slo-pitch, have all returned to play
- Outdoor recreational programs will continue to run, including the YMCA summer day camps
- Outdoor Zumba at Sugarloaf Marina will no longer be limited to 25 participants. Pre-registration is not required, and drop-ins and new participants are welcome. Contact tracing will be completed at each class.

Sugarloaf Marina

- Social picnic docks and fish cleaning stations are open
- Electric BBQs are now available on picnic docks. Individuals are asked to please sanitize hands before and after each use.
- Dock carts are available. Individuals are asked to use at own risk and to sanitize hands before and after each use.
- Ice is now available in the Marina Office and at the Marine Supply Store
- Water, pop, juice, and bait worms are now available at the Marina Office
- The number of washroom stalls and showers will increase
- Occupancy limits will increase at the Marine Supply Store

Public Works

- Public Works will serve residents by appointment only. Appointments will be scheduled for essential and time sensitive services. Where possible, services will be provided through remote means.
- Essential City services, including but not limited to, road maintenance, and water and wastewater operations will continue

The Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum

- The Museum will welcome visitors, noon to 4 p.m. daily, to the outdoor heritage village and marine park, which includes the Blacksmith Shop, Sherk Log House, Timber Cabin, Log Schoolhouse, Hochelaga Lifeboat, Yvon Dupre Wheelhouse, and the Marine Exhibit Lighthouse
- Virtual tours are running for individuals interested in experiencing the heritage village from the comfort of their home. Virtual tours can be booked by emailing museum@portcolborne.ca.
- At this time, the indoor Museum exhibits will be available by appointment only. To book an appointment, please call 905-834-7604.

The Port Colborne Public Library

- The Port Colborne Public Library will begin to increase service levels as of **Monday, July 19, 2021**
- Entry will be by capacity and masks are required. All visitors to the library will be actively screened prior to entry into the building in accordance with municipal requirements. There is no in-person programming at this time.
- Curbside and in-person browsing will continue, with the following hours:
 - Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Public computers will be available for 60-minute sessions, during the following hours:
 - Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 - No appointment necessary

“On behalf of City Council and staff, thank you for doing your part in keeping our community safe,” said Mayor Bill Steele. “With almost 50 per cent of Niagara residents fully vaccinated, it’s encouraging to see us progress through the provincial roadmap to reopening. As we move to Step 3, I ask that residents continue to be mindful of public health directives and of course, be kind to one another. With the warmer weather here, it’s the perfect time to explore Port Colborne and support local. It’s been a very long year and a half, but I’m confident we will continue to make positive strides and move forward in the right direction.”

For more information, please visit 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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