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## Township of West Lincoln

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Update # 35 - Response to COVID-19 – Grey Lockdown Continues for Region of Niagara West Lincoln, Ont.**

The Provincial Government has stated starting Tuesday, February 16, 2021 the Region of Niagara will remain in the Grey Lockdown for fourteen days, which will require residents to continue with enhanced public health and workplace safety measures that have been in effect since January 14, 2021.

People should only leave home for groceries, medical appointments, exercise or essential work, and all businesses must ensure that any employee who can work from home, does work from home. Outdoor gatherings are limited to 5 people.

The Township Administrative building and other facilities will remain closed to the public. As a result of this announcement, additional township office staff will continue to work remotely; however, residents and businesses should not experience any disruptions when accessing Town services such as planning applications and building permits. Everyone is encouraged to call 905-957-3346 or check [www.westlincoln.ca](http://www.westlincoln.ca)

Committee and Council will continue to meet virtually (as previously scheduled) to provide policy direction to staff regarding Township operations and initiatives. The next Committee meeting is February 16, 2021, via ZOOM. To view future Committee and Council meeting information, please visit the [Council and Committee Meetings](#) page on the Township's website.

The West Lincoln Public Library is open with **modified** hours at Caistorville and Wellandport branches, and **regular** hours at Smithville branch, for curbside pickup only. Appointments for curbside must be scheduled in advance. Please visit the [West Lincoln Public Library](#) website for hours, the online catalogue and e- resources, as well as information on how to schedule a curbside pickup appointment and we request that you continue to return any materials via the drop boxes at each branch.

### **Help prevent the spread of COVID-19:**

- Practice physical distancing by avoiding close interaction with others (stay more than 2 metres or 6 feet apart).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or with alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Wear a face covering in public (indoors and outdoors) in accordance with Niagara's Face Covering By-law, following the provincial order.
- Limit trips into the community to specific purposes that are important to you since extra time outside of the home adds to crowds and makes it more difficult for others to physically distance.
- Stay home if you are sick. Although COVID-19 is often very mild, minor

- symptoms should not be ignored.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve.

Many people are being impacted by the lockdown and there are resources available to our residents. We encourage those who are impacted to visit the [Niagara Region - Health and Wellness](#) page for more important information.

### **Report a COVID-19 concern**

To report a concern about gatherings or businesses not following COVID-19 guidelines, contact Municipal Law Enforcement: 905-957-3346. For By-law enforcement after hours (after 4:30 p.m. and weekends), please call Niagara Region dispatch line at 905-984-3690 or 1-877-552-5579. Another easy way to connect is the use the "[Report a Concern](#)" on the Township website.

Mayor Dave Bylsma Stated:

It is no small disappointment to come out of a provincial lockdown into a regional grey zone. However, our municipality as part of a regional community, is trending in a right direction and staff will be prepared to start reopening when it is safe to do so.

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