

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Providing safe services to residents top priority in Ramara

Ramara/April 1, 2021 - As a result of the Province's announcement today regarding the provincewide emergency brake effective Saturday, April 3 at 12:01 a.m., the Township of Ramara will continue to be open to the public, by appointment only, and continue to provide services to its residents.

The objective of the shutdown is to implement widescale measures and restrictions, including closures, to halt or interrupt transmission. The Province of Ontario will evaluate the restriction after 28 days to determine if it is safe to lift any restrictions or extend it.

The Township is dedicated to providing the same level of services residents come to expect by providing more online services and being available to residents by appointment only. Residents can contact staff Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by phone and/or email. Residents are asked to leave a message and staff will respond within 48 hours, or otherwise noted. For more information, please visit our website at www.ramara.ca.

Vaccination Reminder

The Health Unit continues to roll out vaccinations to more residents and age groups across Simcoe County. For details and to schedule a vaccination as an eligible resident, visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>. For current SMDHU guidance, go to www.smdhu.org/.

Please see the list below to impacts to services:

- The Township Administration Building is open to the public by appointment only.
- Ramara Township Library will be closed to the public but is available for curbside pickup at both branches.
- All Council and Committee meetings will continue virtually and can be accessed by by visiting the Township's website at www.ramara.ca.
- All planning, infrastructure and building applications will be accepted either electronically or by paper/hardcopy and can be dropped off in the outside drop off box.
- For all building inspections, please contact the office to book the inspection, as it will be assessed on a case-by-case basis with new health measures in place.
- Short-Term Rental Accommodations must be closed until further notice unless it is rented to a person in need or an essential worker.
- Locally, our By-law Enforcement Team will be responding to bylaw complaints and complaints related to emergency orders.

The Township also wants to remind the community that we all have a role in reducing the spread of COVID-19 that goes beyond following provincial restrictions. The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit advises everyone to keep safe and to do the following:

- The fewer people you have contact with the lower the risk of exposure to COVID-19.
- Remember that just because you know someone, it does not reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19.
- Trips outside of the home should only be for essential reasons (work, school, groceries/pharmacy, health care, assisting vulnerable individuals, or exercise and physical activity).
- Do not visit any other households or allow visitors in their homes. If you live alone, you can have close contact with only one other household.
- Everyone should avoid social gatherings.
- Work remotely, where possible.

The Township of Ramara is working diligently to keep residents informed during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on how services are impacted, please visit www.ramara.ca/covid-19. For health-related information, please go to www.simcoemuskokahealth.org, or call the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit directly.

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