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Area municipalities extend closure of facilities, cancellation of programs and events

Waterloo Region – As another step in their coordinated emergency response to the global pandemic, today, the Region of Waterloo and all area municipalities extended the public closure of municipal facilities until at least May 4.

Today's decision aligns the municipalities with yesterday's announcement from the provincial government delaying the re-opening of schools until May 4 to protect the health and safety of students and staff. All local municipalities continue to work closely together and follow the direction of federal, provincial and regional public health experts to ensure the health and safety of the local community.

The list of community amenities impacted by the extended closure announcement locally has grown since the provincial government issued a new emergency order late Monday to close all communal or shared, public or private, outdoor recreational amenities everywhere in Ontario. Closures now include, but are not limited to: playgrounds; sports fields; dog parks; basketball and tennis courts; outdoor community gardens; park shelters; outdoor exercise equipment, condo parks and gardens; and other outdoor amenities. These facilities will now remain closed to the public across the region until May 4.

Additionally, other previously-closed facilities will continue to remain closed to the public until May 4, including: all Regional offices; City Halls; municipal administrative offices; arenas; pools; community centres; public libraries; farmers' markets; playgrounds and skateboard parks. This is all based on current information, and subject to change as information and circumstances change.

The Region, and all local municipalities, will continue to provide emergency services and other critical services.

Residents are encouraged to visit their respective municipal website for the most up-to-date details about critical services and pandemic responses. Residents, businesses and other municipal customers are encouraged to delay any non-essential business with their respective municipality or to consider conducting business online or by phone, where possible.

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