



Media Release

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Bruce County Modifies Services for Ontario's Reopening Updates

Bruce County, Ontario: On Tuesday, February 16, 2021, the Province of Ontario moved the Grey Bruce Public Health Region into the “Yellow - Protect” public health zone, which includes specific instructions for limiting the spread of COVID-19 and reopening safely. Details of these health measures can be reviewed at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-response-framework-keeping-ontario-safe-and-open>

Through this pandemic, Bruce County has actively responded with a number of measures to help protect Residents, Businesses, and Staff. With Ontario's reopening health measures, Bruce County continues to deliver critical and essential services, like Paramedic Services, Long Term Care, Snow Plowing, and essential customer services.

- Bruce County Administrative buildings will continue to be closed to the public for the remainder of February and will continue to offer customer service virtually. We are happy to assist you online and over the phone. Bruce County will make further determinations for the administrative buildings in early March.
- Bruce County Public Library Branches will reopen on Monday, March 1 with full safety precautions. Curbside pickup options and online virtually programming will continue to be available.
- Bruce County Museum in Southampton will reopen on Tuesday, March 2 with full safety precautions. Virtual services and programming on the Museum website and social media channels will continue to be available.
- Bruce County Trails and river access points remain open, but trail buildings are closed to the public.
- Long Term Care facilities in Walkerton and Wiarton continue to follow a robust pandemic response plan and act in full regulatory compliance. The Essential Caregiver Program also continues.
- Bruce County's Economic Task Force continues to deliver support and recovery opportunities.
- EarlyON Child and Family Centre locations remain closed and are working towards resuming in-person programming in March. Stay tuned for announcements on social media and enjoy EarlyON programming virtually on the [EarlyOn Facebook page](#).
- Human Services will continue to be provided to individuals, families, and our most vulnerable.
- Other Support Services: Help is just a phone call away. Please call 211 if you are in need of help. The 2-1-1 Helpline is available 24/7 in 150 languages.
- Ontario Provincial Police: For emergencies, please call 9-1-1. For less serious incidents, report online by visiting opp.ca/reporting.
- Waste Management: Lower tier municipalities are responsible for managing landfill sites, waste collection, and blue box programs. Please contact your municipality directly to receive up-to-date information on the services offered through this time.



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Bruce County Warden, Janice Jackson, notes, “Bruce County Council and Staff continue to work hard to protect the best interests of the region while continuing to successfully deliver County Services. We are committed to ensuring the health and well-being of the citizens in our region. As we take steps towards reopening, we encourage everyone to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by washing your hands, watching your distance (6 feet), wearing your face covering, and avoiding crowds.”

Health related information can be found at www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca and the Ministry of Health website at www.ontario.ca/covid

We are happy to assist you online and over the phone.

Call: 519-881-1291

Email: info@brucecounty.on.ca

Visit: www.brucecounty.on.ca

Drop Box: Drop Payments, Forms, or any questions off at the County Administrative Building (Walkerton) Drop Box located at the front door. Please include your Contact Info.

Discover Bruce County updates through the County website, social media channels, and local news channels.

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Bruce County EarlyON Child and Family Centres Resuming In-Person Programs

Bruce County, Ontario: Bruce County EarlyON Child and Family Centres (EarlyON) will be resuming in-person programs beginning the week of March 1, 2021. Families are encouraged to visit the [Bruce County website](#) and Bruce County EarlyON Facebook Pages for registration information, including a schedule of dates and times for each location.

EarlyON program participants are required to register for in-person programs by phone at 1-800-616-8116; drop-in options are not available at this time. Upon registration, families will speak to an EarlyON Educator who will provide details of what to expect and required screening protocols.

Enhanced health and safety protocols are in place and EarlyON Educators have planned exciting options for individual use of creative materials, toys, and equipment. Group sizes and room layouts have been modified to allow for physical distancing.

Go to Bruce County EarlyON Facebook pages for engaging posts including group time experiences, story times, and DIY activities that enhance developmental health and well-being for children ages 0-6!

www.facebook.com/EarlyOnChesley/
www.facebook.com/EarlyOnKincardine/
www.facebook.com/EarlyOnPortElgin/
www.facebook.com/EarlyOnWarton/

Discover more about [Children's Services in Bruce County](#).

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