

Halton Highlights May 2020

Community supports and volunteers are critical to the COVID-19 response

Our entire community is working to make sure everyone has the supports they need to get through COVID-19. If you need additional support or are a community organization that provides vital community services to others, we want to make it easy for you to find the information you need. We have updated our website at halton.ca to include information about:

- financial assistance including income supports, tax relief and benefit programs, payment assistance and more;
- community supports for food, essential goods such as infant supplies and hygiene items, housing and rent resources, emergency child care for essential service workers and care for older adults;
- funding opportunities for local non-profit organizations; and
- volunteer opportunities for those who are looking to support our community during COVID-19.

We are all in this together. If you need support or would like to help our community, please visit halton.ca for more information.

Emergency Preparedness during COVID-19: How to keep your loved ones safe

Being prepared is an essential part of keeping you and your family safe and healthy during COVID-19. Here are some tips to consider as the pandemic continues:

Know the risks



Stay informed, but avoid excessive exposure to media coverage of COVID-19. Periodically check the news and use trusted sites to get the latest health information, such as halton.ca/COVID19 or ontario.ca.

Make a plan



Make a plan for you and your loved ones if anyone becomes ill. Give extra thought to children and older adults, and consider setting up a buddy system with your family, friends or neighbours to run errands and deliver supplies.

Get a kit



Continue to slowly build your shelter-in-place kit on your weekly essential grocery visit. Only purchase what you need and do not stockpile—instead, consider picking up items gradually to build your emergency kit.

Thank you for doing your part to keep your loved ones and our community safe. For more information, please visit halton.ca.



We all have a role in stopping the spread of COVID-19.

Gary Carr, Regional Chair

We are stronger together

Our lives have changed significantly since the beginning of COVID-19. We have all felt its impact, whether we know someone who has become sick, is considered high-risk or is taking care of a loved one. Even in this difficult time, I have seen our community come together in meaningful ways to say thank you to those on the frontline—from inspirational sidewalk chalk to encouraging window signs and nightly frontline claps.

Regional staff, from healthcare professionals to essential service workers, have been working around the clock to respond to COVID-19 and maintain the high-quality of life we experience in Halton. Behind every public health guideline, every cup of clean drinking water, every call to 311 and every empty recycling bin, there are frontline staff. These staff have put their lives on hold to be there for our community when we need them the most. There are not enough words to thank you for all that you do.

I would also like to thank residents who are staying home, practicing physical distancing and listening to public health advice. We truly are stronger together. To learn more about Halton's response to COVID-19 and our staff on the frontline, visit halton.ca/COVID19 or go to the #StrongerTogether campaign on our social media channels @RegionofHalton.

Meetings at Halton Region

Regional Council meetings are taking place through web conferencing until further notice. Videos will be posted to halton.ca.

Visit halton.ca for full schedule.

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