

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### TOWN OF HANOVER TO CLOSE FACILITIES IN RESPONSE TO PROVINCIAL SHUTDOWN DIRECTIVE

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**HANOVER, ON** – The Town of Hanover’s first priority continues to be the health and safety of our residents and staff. In response to the Premier’s announcement today of a Provincewide stay-at-home order effective 12:01 am on Thursday, April 8, 2021, the Town of Hanover will be closing all of its facilities to the public in accordance with this direction. **This DOES NOT affect the scheduled vaccination clinics and hours at the P & H Centre. The P & H Centre will only be open on vaccination dates for those with scheduled appointments.**

Municipal services, including police and fire services, road maintenance, water, wastewater, waste management, cemetery operations, and building inspections will continue as scheduled, although may be somewhat altered based on provincial and Health Unit directives.

The following municipal services will be affected as of 12:01 a.m. on April 8 until further notice:

#### **Civic Centre (341 10<sup>th</sup> Street)**

The Civic Centre will be closed. Appointments are available, if necessary. Payments can be made to the Town through on-line banking, mail and by using the drop-off box located adjacent to the main doors of the Civic Centre. For further details on electronic services, please refer to the e-services page on our website by selecting the following link [e-services](#). Staff will continue to answer the phones during regular hours to provide information, maintain referral services and provide support.

Appointments can be pre-arranged if necessary for permits, licences and commissioning of documents by contacting the Municipal Office Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

#### **P & H Centre**

The P&H Centre will remain closed. This will affect all regularly scheduled activities, including all Aquatic Centre programming and the walking track. Swim lessons and advanced aquatic courses are on hold. Communication will occur with registrants when further details are known.

All parks, playgrounds and trails are available for use.

**Please note the Vaccination Centre will continue to operate as scheduled.**

#### **Hanover Public Library**

Hanover Public Library will be providing curbside pickup by appointment; please call the library or check our website for services and our new resources! Please return all materials and contest entries through the library drop box on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Calls to the library number will be responded to so please leave a message and staff will call you back.

We can provide assistance with choosing books and movies, with setting appointments, answering general information and support questions, print and pick up service, virtual and no-contact children's activities, and help with using our online resources. We can also find answers to vaccination questions, and help set up appointments for people who qualify by age group and have an email address but do not have internet access.

### **Launch Pad**

Programming at Launch Pad Youth Activity and Technology Centre will also be affected. Please contact Launch Pad directly to get specific details about each program.

### **TOWN OF HANOVER**

For further information about municipal operations and the COVID-19 situation, please visit our website at [hanover.ca](http://hanover.ca), watch our social media posts or follow **#InThisTogetherHanover**.

The Town continues to work closely with the Grey Bruce Health Unit, Hanover Hospital, health professionals in Grey and Bruce County and our neighbouring municipalities to monitor and respond accordingly to the COVID-19 situation. For details about the current status of COVID-19 in our community, and ways you can protect yourself, visit the Grey Bruce Public Health website [publichealthgreybruce.on.ca](http://publichealthgreybruce.on.ca)

The Town of Hanover would like to remind residents of the potential for the circulation of COVID-19 in our community. Individuals are encouraged to continue to be diligent and to follow the 3 W's – wash hands frequently, watch distance (ideally 2m), and wear face coverings correctly. An inherent risk of exposure to communicable diseases including COVID-19 exists in any public space where people are present. By visiting any publicly accessible facility, including our outdoor spaces, you are voluntarily assuming all risks including any risk of injury, loss, damage and possible exposure to a communicable disease, including COVID-19.

More information can be found at [ontario.ca/coronavirus](http://ontario.ca/coronavirus) or [publichealthgreybruce.on.ca](http://publichealthgreybruce.on.ca) for information from the Grey Bruce Health Unit.

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