

COVID-19 Community Resource Guide

County of Huron
Cultural Services

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This Resource Guide is a brief consolidation of practices, procedures, and subsequent information related to the Corporation of the County of Huron and its response to COVID-19, which may be subject to future revisions.

The compilation is for convenient administrative purposes. The most current version or any legal interpretation of the documents herein should be verified with the respective departments.

CAO's Message

As we work through the uncertainty that COVID-19 has delivered, please be assured that we are committed to being both responsive and responsible, and navigating through these times with the safety and wellbeing of County of Huron staff and Huron County residents as our top priority.

We, at the County, are committed to maintaining our core service delivery throughout this period. We will continue to provide social supports to our residents and resources to local businesses who are impacted by the pandemic outbreak.

The following Community Resource Guide has been designed to guide you through the adjustments made to some of our regular County operations and services in response to COVID-19.

We recognize, and are grateful for, the important actions and sacrifices that all Huron County residents are making during these unprecedented times.

We are all in this together, we will get through this together.

Sincerely,



Meighan Wark,
CAO

OUR VISION

A Community for Generations

OUR MISSION

We cultivate a healthy environment
for prosperous living

OUR VALUES

Integrity / Teamwork / Excellence



Contact the Library, Museum and Cultural Programming:

Huron County Library Admin

www.HuronCounty.ca/Library
libraryadmin@huroncounty.ca
519-482-5457

Huron County Library Vision

Huron County Library is an inclusive and vibrant community hub. It builds community, enriches lives and fosters creativity by providing access to information, skills and ideas.

Huron County Library Mission

Huron County Library provides the community with inviting and accessible facilities, engaging virtual spaces, comprehensive collections and user-friendly technology. Welcoming and knowledgeable staff and volunteers provide innovative services and programs that contribute to community vitality.

Huron County Museum & Historic Gaol

www.HuronCountyMuseum.ca
museum@huroncounty.ca
519-524-2686

Huron County Museum & Historic Gaol Vision

The vision of the Huron County Museum and Historic Gaol is to nurture and inspire heritage and culture.

Huron County Museum & Historic Gaol Mission

The Huron County Museum and Historic Gaol engage our community in preserving, sharing, and fostering Huron County culture.

Huron County Cultural Programming

www.CreativeHuron.ca
libraryadmin@huroncounty.ca
519-482-5457

Background

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting many local communities and business operations. The County of Huron is continuing to provide essential supports to our residents and resources to local businesses throughout this event and will continue to do so as we transition into recovery. The safety and continued wellbeing of all County of Huron staff and Huron County residents will remain our first priority.

While all County of Huron offices are closed to public access until further notice, core service delivery continues. As a result of the outbreak, the County's services and operations have adjusted according to recommendations from health authorities and other advisors. This Resource Guide will clarify what services this department is providing and how they are being provided, in light of the COVID-19 situation. Please do not hesitate to contact the department for further clarification on their services or for additional information not contained in this document.

Self-Monitoring, Self-Isolation and Physical Distancing

Physical distancing, including self-monitoring and self-isolation, are public health measures that can delay and decrease the number of cases of COVID-19 over time so to not overwhelm our healthcare system. Huron County urges all residents to practice physical distancing and proper hygiene protocols.

For current and additional information on Self-Monitoring, Self-Isolation and Physical Distancing, please visit Huron Perth Public Health at www.hpph.ca.

Huron Perth Public Health

For the most up-to-date information related to COVID-19 in Huron and Perth, visit www.hpph.ca/coronavirus

Follow Huron Perth Public Health at
Facebook: www.facebook.com/HuronPerthPublicHealth
and Twitter: www.twitter.com/HPPublicHealth

Resources

Ministry of Health:

www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus

Public Health Agency of Canada - Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19): Outbreak Update

www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html

Public Health Agency of Canada - Travel Health Notices

www.travel.gc.ca/travelling/health-safety/travel-health-notices

County of Huron

www.huroncounty.ca

Huron County Cultural Services COVID-19 Impacts and Response.

Office Closures

The Huron County Museum and Historic Gaol and all Huron County Library branch locations are closed until further notice. In addition all Library branch book drops have been closed. Please note that all programs, special events, outreach and group tours will not resume until a re-opening date is announced. Any program requests or previously scheduled on-site programs are tentative at this time.

Huron County Library due dates have been extended and patrons will not accumulate fines during this time. As well, current library holds will not expire and Interlibrary Loan services are suspended. The ability to place holds on material through our online catalogue has been disabled until further notice. Huron County Library branch phone lines are not being monitored during this time. Staff are still available via our central phone line and email.

Huron County Museum staff are not on site and do not have access to physical collections or object catalogues at this time. Staff are still available via our central phone line and email.

To reach the Huron County Museum:
museum@huroncounty.ca
519-254-2686

To reach the Huron County Library:
libraryadmin@huroncounty.ca
519-482-5457

Event Cancellations

All events, activities and programs held at the Huron County Museum & Historic Gaol or any Huron County Library branch location have been canceled until further notice. In addition the *Alice Munro Festival of the Short Story* and the *Huron Multicultural Festival* have also been canceled.

Huron County Library

Huron County Library Social Media

The Huron County Library's Facebook page is temporarily being utilized by Huron County COVID-19 Communications. www.Facebook.com/HuronCountyLibrary

Huron County Library Online Library Card Registration

The Huron County Library is now offering online registration for a temporary library card!

By getting a temporary library card you can access the majority of our online resources.

It is recommended that you stop in at your local library branch and sign up for a physical library card after the COVID-19 event has ended.

For more information about registering online for a temporary library card, go to the Library's [Get or Renew Library Membership](#) page on our website.

Huron County Library Increases Online Offerings

In an effort to assist residents with physical distancing and isolation the Huron County Library has been working with our Library partners to increase the Library's virtual offerings during the COVID-19 outbreak. Resources for education and entertainment are available for FREE to all Huron County Library card holders from the Library's [web page](#):

cloudLibrary™

cloudLibrary™ provides access to the digital collections of over 20 libraries in Ontario including more than 120,000 titles for adults, children and teens!

Kanopy™

Watch over 30,000 documentaries, blockbusters, world cinema, classic and indie films for free with Kanopy! **New!** Kanopy is offering a Credit-Free Collection through May 31, 2020

Freegal Music™

Freegal Music offers access to about 3 million songs, including Sony Music's catalog of legendary artists! **New!** We now have streaming available 24 hours a day until September 30, 2020

Hoopla™

Borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, or phone. **New!** Hoopla is offering a Bonus Borrows collection which does not count against the monthly borrow limit of 5 items. Bonus Borrows are being made available through April 30, 2020

Flipster™

The Huron County Library offers digital magazines through Flipster!

TumbleBooks

Tumblebooks are animated talking picture books, chapter books, videos, non-fiction books, playlists, books in other languages, and graphic novels; Tumblebooks has multiple resources for children grades K-6. This is accessible through web browser only; access at home no longer needs a library card number and PIN until August 31, 2020

New! RomanceBookCloud

Feeling the need for a little romance? Why not find your next romance read using RomanceBookCloud? There are over 1700 books at your fingertips, no checkouts or wait times. Visit the FAQ and the About tabs to find out how to read one (or many) of the titles available to you!

Access through web browser only
Available until August 31, 2020

New! AudioBookCloud

Find your next read from thousands of fiction and non-fiction titles for adults and teens. No waitlists, just click through to gain access to this resource.

Access through web browser only
Available until August 31, 2020.

New! TeenBookCloud

Not sure what to read next? Try TeenBookCloud! Around 1000 titles are available for you to read – ebooks, enhanced ebooks, audiobooks, graphic novels and more! No wait times, or checkouts, always available.

Access through web browser only
Available until August 31, 2020

New! TumbleMath

A collection of math-based picture books and quizzes for children in kindergarten to grade 6.

Access through web browser only
Available until August 31, 2020

New! Ancestry Access From Home

ProQuest and its partner Ancestry have temporarily expanded access to Ancestry Library Edition™ so our library card holders now have access from home!

PebbleGo

PebbleGo offers a fun and interactive online learning hub for children grades K-3. Along with our usual modules of Science and Animals, Huron County Library has access to the modules Biographies, Social Studies, and Dinosaurs! These additional modules and access to PebbleGo without needing a username and password are available until the end of May 2020.

Huron County Digitized Newspapers

Tired of the news of the day? Browse more than a century's worth of historic Huron County newspaper online.

New! Virtual Meeting Rooms

Huron County Library will provide access to a virtual meeting room via Zoom for up to one hour. Email askalibrarian@huroncounty.ca including your name and group/organization name as well as preferred date and time to begin the process. Full details available on the [Library website](#).

New! Online Learning Portal

We are proud to partner with Contact North to bring more distance learning options to all residents of Huron County. Contact North partners with Ontario's public colleges, public universities, indigenous institutes, district school boards, among many others to help anyone in Huron County to improve their work skills and gain their education right at home.

If you're interested in business courses, coding courses, or general interest courses (history, general arts, language studies, etc.), [visit our page on the Contact North website](#) to get more information about what is offered, how to sign up and the resources available.

New online services are being added regularly. Please visit the Huron County Library's [website](#) for a complete list of online services now being offered.

Please note that many of the Library's digital services are experiencing high volume traffic at this time. If you are experiencing any technical difficulties please visit the Huron County Library's [website](#) or [contact your local Librarian](#).

Huron County Library Parking Lot Wifi

Visit any Huron County Library branch parking lot to access free wifi.

Select your Huron County Library Public Branch network (i.e. Brussels Library Public)

Password: huroncounty

Huron County Library "Ask a Librarian"

During the Covid-19 event Huron County Library staff are still available to assist you. We can provide you with reliable COVID-19 resources and connect you with local community supports as well as answer any of your Library related inquiries.

Librarian's can be reached at: libraryadmin@huroncounty.ca or askalibrarian@huroncounty.ca

Virtual Story Times with EarlyON

The Huron County Library has partnered with EarlyON to offer Virtual Story Times. Visit the [EarlyON Facebook](#) page for more information on this program.

Huron County Museum & Historic Gaol

Huron County Museum Artifact Donations

The Huron County Museum will not be accepting artifact donations during the closure.

Huron County Museum Purchases

Please note that the Museum is unable to process cash donations, gift shop sales or camp registrations at this time.

Huron County Museum Increases Online Offerings

The Huron County Museum offers a variety of great learning resources online including:

Huron Historic Newspapers: 1848-2016

The digitization of historical Huron County newspapers from microfilm and hard copy holdings is an ongoing long-term project undertaken by the Huron County Library and Huron County Museum. Currently more than 350,000 newspaper pages are available spanning from 1848 to 2016 with more being added all the time!

The newspapers can be accessed at www.huroncountymuseum.ca/newspapers

Huron County Museum On-line Collection

To make our Collection more accessible, The Huron County Museum has selected over 3000 artifacts and archival materials to be included in an online database. Explore the Huron County Museum's Online Collection to discover examples of textiles, tools, personal items, furniture, photographs, documents, and many more artifacts and archival records held at the Museum.

The online collection can be accessed at: www.huroncountymuseum.pastperfectonline.com

Huron County Historic Photographs

Visit the Huron County Museum on [Flickr](#) to discover royalty free photographs depicting Huron County people and places. Additional Huron County photographs can be found in the Huron County Museum's On-line Collection above.

Huron County Museum Videos

Visit the Huron County Museum and Historic Gaol on [YouTube](#).

The videos on this channel were produced by the Huron County Museum and Historic Gaol with funding from the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada.

The Henderson Collection: WWII Photographs

A collection of images documenting the history of WWII air training in Huron County, Ontario. All photographs featured in this collection were taken by Goderich photographer J. Gordon Henderson and represent a small part of the large collection of Henderson's professional work held at the Archives at the Huron County Museum & Historic Gaol.

The [Henderson Digital Collection](#) was produced by the Huron County Museum with funding from the Province of Ontario.

New! Virtual Exhibits

The Huron County Museum's virtual exhibits grant a close-up glimpse of select artifacts on permanent display on Huron County Main Street as well as archival materials that enhance displays in the Military Gallery. The featured objects represent a small sampling of the thousands of artifacts in the Museum's collection. Updating the online exhibits is an ongoing project; in the future, student employees will be refreshing the images and providing even more information. These exhibits are also available via ipads on-site when the museum is open.

Find the virtual exhibits on our website at www.huroncountymuseum.ca/virtual-exhibits

Huron County Museum Blog

Visit the Museum Virtually through the Museum's [Blog](#).

New! Talk to an Expert

To request a ZOOM presentation or Q&A about local history with our Curator of Engagement & Dialogue, email museum@huroncounty.ca. Topics may include the Huron Historic Gaol, early settlement and immigration. Watch our website events calendar and Facebook events for upcoming public sessions.

Huron Heritage Fund

The Huron Heritage Fund is continuing with the next intake deadline of May 1. For more information on the Huron Heritage fund please visit the Museum's [webpage](#).

What can you do to help?

We want you to participate! Here are a few tips and suggestions on things Huron County residents can do to help us all get through this together.

Practice Physical Distancing

The number one, most important thing you can do to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect our most vulnerable citizens and front line workers is practice physical distancing and stay at home.

Check in on others

As we become more physically isolated, it will become more important than ever that we reach out to one another to stay connected. Call, text or email with those who may be alone.

Collecting Memories for the Future: COVID-19

The collecting mandate for the Huron County Museum is to collect the stories and artifacts of our local area, with particular emphasis on items that were made by or used by Huron County people. The Huron County Museum is looking for your help to document and illustrate how Coronavirus has affected us close to home.

When this crisis is over we will be putting together a collection of items relating to the Coronavirus pandemic to keep in our archives for future use and research. Items could include: photographs, journals, letters, signs, or documents that tell the story of COVID-19 and its effects on the lives of those living in Huron County.

We understand that this is a difficult time for many so participation is voluntary and has no timeline. Items may come today, two months from now, or even years from now. The purpose of the collection will be to document and will be used for future research and exhibition.