

# COVID-19 Community Resource Guide

County of Huron  
Provincial Offences

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## Provincial Offences

This Community 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 Information

## Provincial Offences Administration

[poa@huroncounty.ca](mailto:poa@huroncounty.ca)

519-524-8394 ext 2

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

# 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](http://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](http://www.hpph.ca/coronavirus).

Follow Huron Perth Public Health at  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/HuronPerthPublicHealth](https://www.facebook.com/HuronPerthPublicHealth)  
and Twitter: [www.twitter.com/HPPublicHealth](https://www.twitter.com/HPPublicHealth)

## Resources

### **Ministry of Health**

[www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus](http://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](http://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](http://www.travel.gc.ca/travelling/health-safety/travel-health-notices)

### **County of Huron**

[www.huroncounty.ca](http://www.huroncounty.ca)

# Huron County Provincial Offences COVID-19 Impacts and Response.

## Court Closures

Provincial Offence Courts have been closed. All matters scheduled from March 16, 2020 through to and including May 29, 2020 will be adjourned and rescheduled to a later date.

Notice to defendants regarding new Court dates are being prepared and mailed to the last known address. If your address has changed, please contact the Provincial Offences office and provide a current address. If you don't receive a notice it is your responsibility to follow up.

Contact information for all municipal courts is available here:  
[www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/courts/Court\\_Addresses/poa](http://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/courts/Court_Addresses/poa)

The following timelines have been extended:

Sections 5(6), 5.1(2)(b), 5.1(12), 9(1)(a), 11(1), 11(4), 17.1(6.1), 18(1), 18.1(5), 18.2(1), 18.3(1), 19, 66(1), 69(1), 116(2)(a), 116(3) and 135(2) of the *Provincial Offences Act*, and sections 5(2) and 5(3) of the *Rules of the Ontario Court (General Division) and the Ontario Court (Provincial Division) in Appeals Under Section 116 of the Provincial Offences Act*, O. Reg. 723/94.

A copy of the order is available on the Ontario Court of Justice website. It will also be available at all POA court offices as soon as practicable.

Please also be advised that the Government of Ontario made an order pursuant to s. s. 7.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMPCA), suspending any limitation periods in statutes and regulations for the duration of the State of Emergency. This will impact timelines under the Provincial Offences Act and related proceedings. A copy of the order is available online at: [www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200073](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200073)

## Office Closure

The Provincial Offences office is closed to the public. We continue to work behind the scenes and are available for telephone payments and extension applications as well as questions and concerns.

# Huron County Provincial Offences FAQ

## **I lost my job because of COVID19. Will my driver's licence get suspended if I don't pay my fine?**

No, your driver's licence won't be suspended during these unprecedented times. However, there will come a time when things return to normal that enforcements will resume.

## **How do I pay my ticket if the office is closed?**

Payment can be made at [www.paytickets.ca](http://www.paytickets.ca) or via telephone 519-524-8394 ext. 2. We accept Visa, Mastercard and Visa Debit. A cheque or money can also be sent via Canada Post.

## **How do I request an early resolution?**

Early resolution requests are being accepted via email at [poa@huroncounty.ca](mailto:poa@huroncounty.ca). Please be sure to send a copy of the front and the back of the ticket. If your address is not correct on the ticket, please send along a correction as we rely on that address to get your notice to you. Early resolution requests can also be mailed via Canada Post.

## **How do I request a trial? The ticket says I cannot mail my request.**

We are accepting trial requests by email at [poa@huroncounty.ca](mailto:poa@huroncounty.ca) and through Canada Post for the duration of the COVID-19 crisis and office closure.

## **My driver's licence was suspended before the COVID-19 crisis. How do I get it reinstated?**

You can have your licence reinstated by paying the outstanding fine and reinstatement fee at Service Ontario. If you cannot afford to pay the full amount of the fine, you can apply for an extension of time to pay your fine. Contact our office at 519-524-8394 ext. 2 or email [poa@huroncounty.ca](mailto:poa@huroncounty.ca) and we will assist you with the extension application process.

# 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 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.

## Wash your hands

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 30 seconds.

## 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.