

# COVID-19 Community Resource Guide

County of Huron  
Public Works

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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

## Public Works

[www.HuronCounty.ca/Public-Works](http://www.HuronCounty.ca/Public-Works)

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

519-524-8394 ext. 4

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

After Hours: 1-888-646-9553 (Emergency Use Only)

# 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 Public Works COVID-19 Impacts and Response.

## Road Renewal Projects

Huron County Public Works is working with our industry partners to continue road construction projects to the extent possible while protecting the health of all workers and their families. Many of the construction projects are completed by operators of heavy equipment which are operated by single operators, truck drivers, and by roadside workers having normally more than the 2m physical distancing expectations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional disinfection protocols for shared equipment, tools, and facilities will be discussed with our Contractors to ensure they are meeting expectations set out by our Health Professionals. At this time, it is anticipated that the following project will proceed:

- **Partial reconstruction of County Road 87** from County Road 86 to County Road 28.

## Road Reconstruction Projects

**Major road reconstruction for County Road 12** from Egmondville through Seaforth will be impacted by COVID-19. A number of the tasks in this project require staff to work closely together in confined spaces as well as work within the buildings of many of the businesses. These activities cannot proceed and maintain safe physical distancing protocols.

The project team is working with our Consulting Engineers and Contractors to work through what parts of the project can proceed now, and what work will need to be delayed. Additional information will be provided to businesses and residents in this project area on a regular basis.

## Road Maintenance and Inspections

Huron County Public Works staff are continuing to maintain roads and bridges an essential service. We respect the need to protect the health of our staff and their families and are altering all protocols and procedures to provide physical distancing and disinfection protocols at our facilities, our equipment, and tools.

You will continue to see our staff out on the County roads maintaining roads, bridges, and culverts in a variety of ways. While cutting the grass, grading the shoulders, cutting trees, inspecting

culverts, sweeping sand off the roadways, or even picking up roadside garbage may not seem like essential service tasks, they are activities that are needed to keep primary transportation routes safe and clean. It also ensures that we maintain sufficient active staffing levels to respond to more obvious needs such as slippery roads, drainage issues, potholes, and other hazards that occur on the roadways on a regular basis.

You will also continue to see other County staff, contractors, and consultants working within our right-of-way taking pavement samples, taking measurements, and a variety of other activities that address immediate issues or being done to prepare for future projects which require one or more years of planning, design, permits, and coordination before the work can take place.

Protocols for each activity are reviewed and altered to ensure that staff maintain physical distancing practices and following advice of Health Care professionals for disinfection of equipment, tools, and workplace on a regular basis.



# Huron County Public Works FAQ

## How do I submit a bid for a published tender or proposal?

Public Works publishes tenders and requests for proposals using Biddingo ([www.biddingo.com](http://www.biddingo.com)) and has been doing so for a number of years. As a result of COVID-19, we are now accepting digital submission of tenders and bids through Biddingo so delivery to our office is no longer needed.

A few tenders that are only locally feasible (i.e. supply of gravel and sand) are published in the local newspapers. In these, cases, the County will publish how to send tender packages through to the County.

## How do I contact Public Works for a concern I have with a County Road?

Contacting Public Works remain unchanged as staff are monitoring phone calls and emails and we continue to have after-hours and emergency contacts available.

If you have a concern or an issue that you'd like to report, please contact Public Works at 519-524-8394 option 4 and follow the contact options provided. You may also send us an email at [publicworks@huroncounty.ca](mailto:publicworks@huroncounty.ca) or visit our website for information at [www.huroncounty.ca/public-works](http://www.huroncounty.ca/public-works).

## How do I submit a request for a change to a driveway entrance or a new entrance to a County Road?

There is no change to this process other than it may take a little longer to coordinate the onsite meeting and receive approvals. Please contact Public Works via [publicworks@huroncounty.ca](mailto:publicworks@huroncounty.ca) with details and your contact information and we will direct you to the area Road Supervisor to review your application.

# Do I still need to obtain an Oversize/ Overweight trip permit at this time?

Annual permits as well as one-time permits are still required to transport an oversize/overweight load on County Roads as per the Highway Traffic Act.

Please visit [www.huroncounty.ca/public-works/trip-permits](http://www.huroncounty.ca/public-works/trip-permits) to obtain a copy of the application forms. Please expect up to 10 business days to process applications at this time.

# 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.

## 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.

## Wash your hands

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

## Donate to the local food bank

During this time, organizations are running low on food items. Help them stay well-stocked for those in need.

## Share a friendly wave!

If you see Public Works staff out on the roads, give a friendly wave while maintaining a physical distance. These days, we can all benefit from a little extra kindness!