

COVID-19 Community Resource Guide

County of Huron
Economic Development

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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

Economic Development

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economicdevelopment@huroncounty.ca

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smallbusiness@huroncounty.ca

For Tourism Support:

tourism@huroncounty.ca

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 Economic Development COVID-19 Impacts and Response.

Office Closure

Huron County Economic Development offices located at 54 West Street in Goderich will be closed to the public effective end of day March 16, 2020 until further notice. Wherever possible services will be delivered remotely. All face to face meetings will be undertaken using video-conferencing solutions or via telephone.

Business Services

Small business services and programs are in full operation, with the exception that all meetings will take place remotely. Provincial programs administered through the department, including the Summer Company program and Starter Company Plus grant program, are proceeding as usual, with the exception that training and meetings will be delivered remotely using video conferencing solutions.

Businesses looking for government supports to help through the COVID pandemic are encouraged to visit ecdev.huroncounty.ca, scroll down and click on "COVID-19 Business Support".

Individuals interested in starting a business or existing business owners with questions are encouraged to contact the department by either emailing smallbusiness@huroncounty.ca or calling 519-524-8394 x6 and leaving a voicemail.

Land Development Support

Land development support services are in full operation, with the exception that any Development Action Team meetings will take place through videoconferencing solutions rather than in person.

Huron County Economic Development FAQ

What government supports are available to help me get through this crisis?

The department keeps an up to date guide of resources available to individuals and businesses. The list is available at <https://www.huroncounty.ca/economic-development/our-services/business-services-support/supports-related-to-the-covid-19-pandemic/>, or by visiting <http://ecdev.huroncounty.ca>, scrolling down and clicking on "COVID-19 Business Support".

Still have questions? Email us at economicdevelopment@huroncounty.ca or call us at 519-524-8394 x6.

I'm interested in starting or expanding my business. What government funding is available?

For individuals interested in starting or expanding a small business, the Huron County Economic Development administers the province's "Starter Company Plus" grant program. Successful applicants receive free training and a \$5000 grant. For more information visit: <https://www.huroncounty.ca/economic-development/our-services/incentives-programs/starter-company-plus/>. Still have questions? Still have questions? Email us at economicdevelopment@huroncounty.ca or call us at 519-524-8394 x6.

For medium or large sized businesses interested in programs to help with an expansion, contact us directly at economicdevelopment@huroncounty.ca or call us at 519-524-8394 x6.

I want to support local business! Where can I find information about businesses open near me?

Visit the Huron County BizMap. This is an interactive map that works on desktop computers, tablets, and mobile devices that can show you businesses that are open near you, whether they deliver, and allow you to visit their website, email or call them, all with the click of a mouse or the tap of a finger. To visit the BizMap, go to <http://ecdev.huroncounty.ca>, scroll down and click/tap on the BizMap.

Did we miss a business? Is there information on the map missing or incorrect? Email us at economicdevelopment@huroncounty.ca or call us at 519-524-8394 x6.

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 remain 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.