



## MEDIA RELEASE



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# King continues taking action to keep people safe

*The following statement was issued by King Township Mayor Steve Pellegrini:*

King Township supports the Ontario government's declaration of an emergency and the subsequent closure of private schools, churches and faith-based settings, licensed childcare centres and bars and restaurants – except for those that can offer takeout or delivery.

Our top priority is the health and safety of our citizens, staff and businesses. Our Council and staff are working closely with all levels of government to monitor the situation and take actions to protect our citizens, staff and businesses.

These include:

- Announced last Friday, the closure of all municipal facilities, including libraries, arenas, cultural centres and the Municipal Office.
- The cancellation of all March Break camps and other recreation programs
- Set up our Emergency Operations Centre at the Municipal Centre
- We are supporting our employees by encouraging those who can work remotely to do so.

Our core services will continue. These include Fire and Emergency Services, water and wastewater, waste collection and roads.

Many non-essential services are reduced or suspended.

Citizens can still do business with King on our website at <http://www.king.ca>, by phone at 905-833-5321 or by email at [serviceking@king.ca](mailto:serviceking@king.ca).

We're asking citizens to protect themselves and their loved ones from catching or spreading the virus in the following ways:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Sneeze and cough into your sleeve

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*Lying in the heart of the Greater Toronto Area, King Township is located within York Region, one of the fastest growing and diverse economies in Canada. More than 60 per cent of the Holland Marsh, also known as Ontario's salad bowl, lies within King Township. Though predominantly rural, most of King Township's 26,000 residents live in the communities of King City, Nobleton and Schomberg. Residents and visitors are drawn to King because of its rural lifestyle, village atmosphere and quality of life.*

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- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Increase cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces like toilets, sink tap handles, doorknobs, countertops, etc. using regular household cleaners
- Practice social distancing by avoiding any gatherings larger than 50 people and keeping at least six feet between yourself and others when in public
- Stay home as much as possible

*"I know this is a stressful time. I want King Township's citizens to know that we are doing everything we can to stop the spread of the virus while maintaining our core services. King Township is a community of communities and I know we will help each other get through this global pandemic."*

For more information about the Township's COVID-19 response, please visit [king.ca](http://king.ca).

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