



## News Release

For Immediate Release

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### **County of Brant – Stay Home and Practice Social Distancing**

**County of Brant, ON** – The County of Brant reminds the public to stay home and practice social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

“The messaging from the Brant County Health Unit and the Ministry of Health is becoming stronger each day,” said Mayor David Bailey. “Stay home and practice social distancing. This will save lives in our community.”

In keeping with social distancing, the County of Brant:

- Will close the Community Services Office at 15 Curtis Ave. N., Paris today as of 4:30 pm. As a result, the Ontario Works Paris Satellite office and the Ontario Disability Support Program satellite office will also be closed. Please contact your case worker directly for more information.
- The County of Brant has cancelled all meetings scheduled for this week (week of March 16, 2020) including Administration and Operations Committee Meeting, the Special Council Meeting and the Committee of Adjustment meeting.
- Brant eRide will be for essential travel only including for work and medical purposes.
- Caregivers are encouraged to take children for walks outdoors and enjoy the use of parks while practicing social distancing from others. However, please do not allow children to congregate on playgrounds. For those who are ill or practicing self-isolation (including children), please refrain from using public spaces, parks and playgrounds.
- Dog owners are reminded that although the Simply Grand Dog Park will remain open, for the time being, please practice social distancing from other dog owners. The sale of memberships for the dog park have been temporarily suspended.
- As the County has suspended taking in-person payments at County offices, pre-payment for bulk water can now be made on-line using your credit card at: <https://webforms.brant.ca/Finance/Bulk-Water-Fill-Station-Reload>. Please ensure all fields of the form are completed accurately. There will be a one (1) business day delay before the amount is added to your account.
- Residents are asked to refrain from using the waste facilities at Biggar’s Lane Landfill and the Paris Transfer Station. However, sites will remain open for the time being. If it is necessary to use the waste facilities, additional measures for protection have been implemented:

- The County will only accept debit and credit payments at the waste facilities. Tap will be encouraged. Cash will not be accepted.
- Users of the waste facilities will be instructed to communicate with the Scale House Attendants by calling the scale house phone number, if they have a cell phone. A sign will be posted at the scale houses with this instruction.
- County staff working at drop off areas and interacting with the public will be practicing social distancing (i.e. maintaining 2 metres separation between themselves and other people).

“The situation is evolving quickly. Please stay calm and take care of each other,” said Bailey. “We need you to take action now and take action together to reduce opportunities for transmission. Together, we can protect those among us who are most vulnerable.”

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