



News Release

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Non-Essential Businesses Are Required to Close

County of Brant, ON – The County of Brant supports the Province of Ontario’s order that all non-essential businesses need to close as of 11:59 pm tonight.

“The County of Brant has taken a number of steps to wind down non-essential services,” said Mayor David Bailey. “We will maintain all essential services such as water, wastewater, waste collection, road and bridge maintenance, cemetery, paramedic, fire, police and bylaw enforcement. License and permit processing will also be maintained through online solutions. We are doing our part. Local businesses, we are calling on you to do your part. Every business that is not listed as an essential service is required to close tonight to help prevent the spread of Covid-19.”

County staff who are involved in essential services are practicing social distancing and wearing personal protective equipment, when appropriate.

The Province’s list of essential services can be found at: www.ontario.ca/page/list-essential-workplaces

As directed by the Province of Ontario, this closure will be in effect for 14 days with the possibility of extending this order as the situation evolves.

In the coming days, the County of Brant will be launching a webpage to support local businesses with business continuity.

“I understand that given this unprecedented situation, businesses and industry partners in the County of Brant are wondering what they can do and what options are available to help support them,” said Mayor David Bailey. “The County of Brant’s Economic Development team will be launching a webpage to help our local businesses access the latest information from various levels of government. It will also provide local resources and good news stories of how our amazing business community is rallying together.”

For more information, visit www.brant.ca/COVID-19.

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