



News Release

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### **County of Brant Reopens Aquatic Facilities**

**County of Brant, ON** – The County of Brant will reopen aquatic facilities under new safety protocols and mandatory booking procedures.

“We are very excited to welcome residents back to the aquatic facilities with safety as our top priority”, said Stacey Ellins, Acting Director of Recreation and Community Development. “It has been a hot summer and using the splash pad and pool is a great way to cool off. However, due to the ongoing pandemic, we need to do things differently to ensure the health and well-being of the community. We have been working diligently behind the scenes to create a safe and fun summer aquatics experience.”

This year, residents will be required to reserve a visit at a local splash pad and register for pool activities prior to their visit.

Splash pads in Paris, St. George and Burford are open. Reservations will open each Thursday morning at 8:30 am for the following week (Monday to Sunday) and visits can be booked in 40 minute increments. Staff will be onsite to assist with splash pad reservations. Up to 10 people will be permitted to use the splash pad per reservation time. Visit [www.brant.ca/aquatics](http://www.brant.ca/aquatics) for information on how to reserve your splash pad visit online and/or via the app. Instructional videos are available.

On Thursday, July 9, 2020, registration for the Paris Community pool will open for bookings starting on Monday, July 13 to Sunday, July 19. After the first registration date, registrations will open weekly on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 am for the following week. A number of water fitness classes, swim lessons and private rentals will be available for registration and booking. Capacity will be determined based on the individual pool activity. We hope you will attend and cool off with us!

To reserve a visit at a splash pad or register for an activity at the Paris Community Pool, visit [www.brant.ca/aquatics](http://www.brant.ca/aquatics). If you do not have access to the internet, or if using an app is an issue, please call 519.442.1818 x 3261 during weekday office hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. All after-hour/weekend calls can be made to the pool at 519.442.7311 beginning July 13, 2020.

Your health and safety is important to us! Change room facilities are not available at this time. Designated washrooms will be available to the public but are not intended to be used as change rooms. All patrons are asked to come dressed in their swim attire for pool and splash pad activities. Hand sanitizer stations, designated waiting spaces and directional arrows for physical distancing measures have been put in place.

Residents are reminded that while park amenities are available, playgrounds will remain closed.

Please do your part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the County of Brant. Practice physical distancing, do not gather in groups larger than ten people, wash your hands often and wear a mask when physical distancing may be difficult. We all have a role in play to keep our community safe.

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