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WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE ENTERS MODIFIED STAGE 2

Town to close select facilities to help stop the spread of COVID-19

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, ON – The Government of Ontario announced this afternoon that York Region will be placed under Modified Stage 2 COVID-19 restrictions, effective Monday, October 19, 2020 for a period of at least 28 days. These restrictions include Whitchurch-Stouffville.

In accordance with the province’s guidelines, the Town is required to close the following locations:

- The Lebovic Centre for the Performing Arts (“19 on the Park”);
- Indoor fitness centre, including fitness studios, at the Leisure Centre; and
- Indoor gymnasium (including gym programs) at the Leisure Centre.

The following facilities and/or programs will remain open with little or no new restrictions:

- Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum and Community Centre with a restriction of 10 people;
- Arenas (with new restrictions to be determined);
- Leisure Centre pool (no new restrictions); and
- Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library (no new restrictions).

Information about additional Town facilities, programs and services, will be available early next week.

In York Region, the number of cases and hospitalizations are currently trending upwards and further action is required to help stop the spread of the virus in this community. From October 3 to October 9, 2020 York Region's case rate increased by 49 percent to 38.7 per 100,000 people, above the provincial average.

In addition to the measures being implemented in the Ottawa, Peel, Toronto and York regions, the Chief Medical Officer of Health continues to remind all Ontarians to:

- Limit trips outside of home, except for essential purposes such as work where it is not possible to work from home, school, grocery shopping, medical appointments, and outdoor healthy physical activity.

- Stay home if unwell, even with mild symptoms
- Limit travel to other regions in the province, especially from higher transmission to lower transmission areas, for essential purposes only;
- Practise physical distancing of at least two metres with those outside your household;
- Wear a face covering when physical distancing is a challenge or where it is mandatory to do so; and
- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly; and
- Follow social gathering and organized public event limits.

For further COVID-19 information in Whitchurch-Stouffville, visit stouffvillereopens.ca.

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