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As part of our on-going efforts to keep you up-to-date on COVID-19 related information, we are providing resources and links that may be useful for you and your organization.

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Here are links to some COVID-19 resources/information you may find useful. Many of these items are available on the GBHU website and may be shared publicly.

If you have any questions, please call the Help Line At: 519-376-9420 ext 3000

Please note: the COVID-19 section of the Grey Bruce Public Health website has been recently updated. It includes general COVID-19 information, inquiries, and resources, information for health care providers, information on the recovery phase, and a message from Dr. Arra Medical Officer of Health

1. Faith Community MoH Zoom Meeting
2. Sector Reopening Personal Care Services
3. Considerations for Choirs and Bands
4. Grey Bruce Top Doctor Recommends Wearing Face Coverings
5. A Framework for Reopening our Province: Stage 2
6. Sector Reopening Photography, Film and Television
7. Sector Reopening Shopping Malls and Centres
8. Sector Reopening Tour and Guide Services
9. Sector Reopening Restaurants and Bars
10. Guidelines for the Personal Service Setting
11. Video #4 Indicators for Reopening
12. Video #5 Risk Reduction
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OPHA COVID-19 Key Developments June 11

Provincial Developments:

Ontario to Resume Family Visits in Long-Term Care Homes, Retirement Homes, and Other Residential Care Settings

- Long-Term Care Minister Fullerton shared that the province has developed a "responsible phased visitation plan" that will allow people to visit loved ones in long-term care and retirement homes where there aren't COVID-19 outbreaks (defined as no more than a single case).
- Long-term care homes and retirement homes that are not in an outbreak will allow one visitor per resident, once a week in an outdoor setting.
- This new measure comes with the following conditions for visitors:
  - all visitors must have tested negative for the novel coronavirus in the past two weeks;
  - complete a health questionnaire; and
  - during the visit, must wear a face mask or covering, maintain a safe physical distance, and wash or disinfect their hands.
- Other residential care settings will also be allowed visitors under similar rules. These residential care settings include homes serving people with developmental disabilities, shelters for survivors of gender-based violence, and children’s residential settings.
- As the province gradually reopens, Premier Ford added "I know this is a day we have all been desperately waiting for but we can’t take this progress for granted."

Ontario Appoints New Patient Ombudsman
• Health Minister Elliott announced today that it has appointed a new patient ombudsman Ms. Cathy Fooks for a five year term.
• As announced on June 2nd, Ms. Fooks will oversee an investigation into the experiences of patients and caregivers in Ontario's long-term care homes during the COVID-19 pandemic

Ontario Introduces Public Transit Safety Guidance

• The province's guidance document provides transit agencies with best practices and tips to help stop the spread of COVID-19.
• Ontario is recommending passengers wear face coverings or non-medical masks on public transit to fight the spread of COVID-19.
• The document also urges commuters to practice physical distancing and hand washing, and the installation of barriers between drivers and passengers along with frequent cleanings.
• For instance, the Toronto Transit Commission is making face coverings mandatory on its public transit system, effective July 2.
• Other agencies such as Metrolinx, has identified over 40 actions to help keep staff and passengers safe when riding GO trains, GO buses and the UP Express. These strategies include:
  o piloting health and safety kiosks that provide customers with tools and advice on how to stay safe;
  o enhanced deep-cleaning processes for vehicles and in stations;
  o providing hand sanitizer on every GO bus and in every station, so passengers can apply during their trip; and
  o installing dividers for safety on GO trains and buses.

Ontario and Canada Helping Small Businesses Go Digital:

• The Ontario government, in partnership with the federal government, announced a $57M investment in Digital Main Street that will help small businesses create an online presence.
• The program is expected to help up to 22,900 Ontario businesses go digital and generate jobs for more than 1,400 students.
• Through this program, small businesses will be able to take advantage of three new programs to support their digital transformation:

  1. Entry Level Support - Digital Main Street Grant: will help main street small businesses be digitally more effective. Through a $2,500 grant administered by the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association, small businesses will be able to adopt new technologies and embrace digital marketing.
  2. Intermediate Level Support - shopHERE powered by Google: will leverage Ontario's strengths by hiring highly skilled and trained students to build and support the launch of online stores for businesses that previously did not have the capacity to do so.
  3. Advanced Level Support - Future-Proofing Main Street: will provide specialized and in-depth digital transformation services and support that helps existing main-street firms adapt to changes in their sector and thrive in the new economy. These firms will be able to create new online business models, develop and implement digital and e-commerce marketing strategies, and maximize digital tools, platforms and content.

Update from Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health:

• In his twice weekly update today Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Williams, said "We are seeing a lot of good indicators across the board...the health units... are feeling much more confident in their ability to conduct assertive contact tracing and management." Dr. Williams indicated that the province would continue to ease measures in a gradual manner so as to avoid any backtracking.
• He also indicated that the concept of social bubbles, to connect with selected people without the need for physical distancing, is still under discussion and he may have an update on this issue tomorrow.
Federal Developments

New Funding of $133M for Indigenous Businesses:

- The federal government announced $133 million in new funding to support Indigenous business through the COVID-19 pandemic and into recovery.
- Of these additional funds, $117 million will reach more community-owned First Nation, Inuit and Métis businesses including microbusinesses, who are not eligible for existing business support measures.
- The remaining $16 million will support the Indigenous tourism industry.

Systematic Racism:

- When questioned by the media on RCMP Commissioner Lucki’s comments on "struggling" with the term systematic racism and denial of racism within the organization, Prime Minister Trudeau clarified that "systemic racism is an issue right across the country, in all our institutions, including in all our police forces, including in the RCMP. That’s what systemic racism is... we know we can and must do better.” The Prime Minister said he still has confidence in Lucki’s leadership, despite these remarks, and her efforts to follow through on police reform in the coming months.
- He also noted that "there is unfairness built into our systems and ... towards the same groups of people... that is what we have to tackle together...people of privilege have an easier time than people who face discrimination....it’s a difficult and uncomfortable conversation... We have to listen, to learn, to fix and take real action."

Summary of Cases in Ontario and Canada

Trends of Cases in Ontario:

- Total number of cases: 31,544 cases; an increase of 203 cases (0.6%) since the last report
- There are currently 3,172 active cases in the province, the fewest since new daily cases started to rise again in mid-May.
- Today’s report indicates the highest number new cases were concentrated around the following areas:
  - Greater Toronto Area with Toronto seeing 87 new cases
  - Peel Region with 44 new cases
  - York Region with 13 new cases
  - Windsor-Essex reported 13 new cases
  - Haldimand-Norfolk with 11 new cases
  - Other public health units across Ontario either reported zero new cases or less than ten new cases.
- Case demographics:
  - 54.2% are female
  - 44.9% are male
  - 37.5% are 60 years or older
- Resolved: 25,885 (82.1%)
- Deaths: sadly, 2,487 people have died (12 deaths reported today)
- Hospitalized: 538 people are hospitalized; 120 are in intensive care and of those, 87 are on a ventilator
- Long-term care homes: 68 active outbreaks; 5,307 confirmed cases in residents; 1,967 confirmed cases in staff; 1,600 deaths among residents and five among staff
- Lab testing: 924, 680 tests completed; 24,341 tests completed in the last 24 hours, nearly reaching the system’s capacity of 25,000 on any given day; 16,359 are currently under investigation
- Positivity rate 1.5%
- Dr. Williams conveyed that the percentage of confirmed COVID-19 cases reported amongst the age groups <20 and 20-29 has increased in recent weeks.
• This week, the reported incidence rate was 3.2 times higher in the most diverse neighbourhoods compared to the least diverse neighbourhoods, and 3.0 times higher in the most deprived neighbourhoods compared to the least deprived neighbourhoods.

**Cases in Canada:**

• Total number of cases: 97,476; an increase of 473 cases
• Resolved: 57,608
• Deaths: 7,996
• People tested: 2,028,420

**OPHA COVID-19 Key Developments June 10**

**Ontario Unveils a Plan to Reopen Postsecondary Education:**

The Ontario government has developed a plan for the gradual and safe resumption of in-person instruction at postsecondary institutions across the province for the summer term.

• Starting in July 2020 and concluding in September, limited in-person education and training may restart for students who were not able to graduate due to COVID-19 closures.
• This first phase will allow institutions to reopen to provide in-person instruction to students in essential, frontline, and high labour market demand areas, such as nursing, personal support workers, engineering, and other critical professions.
• In September, all students will have the opportunity to attend postsecondary education through virtual learning, in-class instruction, or hybrid formats.
• Publicly assisted colleges and universities, Indigenous Institutes, private career colleges and other postsecondary education institutions may participate in this voluntary reopening.
• Institutions that choose to participate will be responsible for establishing their own plans for this limited reopening in accordance with public health advice and any ministry guidance.
• The province is developing a framework to be released to the sector in the coming days, which will provide guidance on the summer reopening and on health and safety measures.

**Beaches and Campsites to Open at Ontario Parks:**

• The following is a list of recreational activities and facilities that will be opening soon at provincial parks in regions entering Stage 2:
  o On June 12, beaches at Ontario Parks will begin opening to the public as maintenance and water testing are completed.
  o On June 15, campers enrolled in this year's Ontario Parks' Seasonal Campsite Program will have access to their campsites at the majority of participating provincial parks. Those who were preselected in 2019 for the program will be contacted by Ontario Parks directly regarding the status of their reservation.
  o Beginning the week of June 22, all other campgrounds in regions entering Stage 2 will gradually open at provincial parks, along with washrooms, water taps and trailer sanitation stations.
  o Roofed accommodations (e.g., yurts, cabins and lodges, where available), park store and rental operations, visitor centers, and sports fields will be phased in over the next several weeks.
• Facilities such as showers, laundry, group camping, picnic shelter rentals and swimming pools will remain closed for the rest of the 2020 season.
To address overcrowding and promote physical distancing in park spaces and buildings during busy visitation times, Ontario Parks may take measures to limit occupancy for day-use and camping in select provincial parks by limiting the number of daily vehicle permits sold or the number of campsites available for reservations.

Visitors should check OntarioParks.com to see what facilities and services are available before visiting a provincial park.

Summary of Cases

Cases in Ontario:

- Total number of cases: 31,341 cases; an increase of 251 cases since yesterday
  - 44.9% of cases are male, 54.3% are female.
  - 37.6% of cases are 60 years of age and older.
  - Greater Toronto Area public health units account for 67.4% of cases.
  - 12.1% of cases were hospitalized.
- Resolved: 25,380 (81%); 551 new cases resolved since yesterday
- Deaths: sadly, 2,475 people have died
- Hospitalized: 580 people are hospitalized; 118 are in intensive care and of those, 86 are on a ventilator
- Long-term care homes (according to iPHIS): 75 active outbreaks; 5,294 confirmed cases in residents; 1,963 confirmed cases in staff; 1,591 deaths among residents and five among staff
- Lab testing: 900,339 tests completed; 19,941 tests completed in the last 24 hours; 13,897 are currently under investigation.

Cases in Canada (as of June 9th, 8 pm EDT)

- Total number of cases: 96,653; an increase of 409 new cases
- Resolved: 55,572 (58%)
- Deaths: 7,897 (8%)
- People tested: 52,029 people tested per million
- Percent positivity: 4.9%
- There have been decreases in the number of cases and deaths in Canada this week
- Quebec and Ontario continue to drive the epidemic in Canada, accounting for 87% of cases and 95% of deaths
- No new cases have been reported in 6 provinces or territories within the past 24 hours.
- No new deaths have been reported in 8 provinces or territories within the past 24 hours.

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