

Town of Latchford Service and Information Update No. 2021-01 Corona virus Disease - COVID-19

**For Immediate Release
January 13th 2021**

Province of Ontario has announced a Second State of Emergency effective January 14th at 12:01am. The stay-at-home order requires everyone to remain at home with exceptions for essential purpose, such as grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services, for exercise or for essential work. This order and other new and existing public health restrictions are aimed at limiting people's mobility and reducing the number of daily contacts with those outside an immediate household. In addition to limiting outings to essential trips, all business must ensure that any employee, who can work from home, does work from home.

With the ongoing concerns over COVID-19, the health and safety of our residents, employees, and volunteers remain our top priority. The Town of Latchford is monitoring developments closely, and is committed to doing our part to help slow the spread of the virus. Effective immediately until further notice please see below for the following service updates and introduced measures.

Increased frequency of cleaning practices and sanitation efforts

We have enhanced sanitation practices and increased the frequency of cleansing our facility.

Municipal Services

Town Office

The Municipal Office will be closed to in-person transactions.

Staff members will be conducting business during this time period for the continuation of municipal services and for processing payments.

If you need to pay your taxes or other bills please mail or use the drop box at the Town Office front door. Or you can make an e transfer payment at **payments @latchford.ca**. There is a link on the Towns website www.latchford.ca also you can click on to make a payment.

Office staff is available by phone 705-676-2416

Public Works Water Treatment Plant and Fire Department

Public Works Services, Water Treatment Plant and Fire Response services are proceeding as usual.

Garbage and Recycling Collection

Waste collection is proceeding as usual. Please help protect our collectors by safely disposing of waste:

- **Garbage Collection:** Please bag all garbage, and do not place waste loosely in garbage containers.
- **Recycling Collection:** See attached notice from Eco-Logix.

Municipal Landfill Site

Municipal Landfill site is operating with normal hours. Before attending the landfill site, please ask yourself the following questions:

- Do you have a fever, new onset of cough or difficulty breathing?
- Have you or anyone in your family travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?
- Have you been in contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with, or is under investigation for the COVID-19 virus?

If you meet the above criteria, please do not come to the landfill site. Please follow the directions of local public health authorities (Timiskaming Health Unit No. 705-647-4305).

Cancellations

The Latchford Community Center will remain closed for rental until further notice. The Town of Latchford will continue to update residents and users of the facility.

The Latchford Fitness Center will also remain closed until further notice.

The Town of Latchford recognizes that these changing service levels may present a challenge to some residents; however, our priority is to protect the residents of the Municipality. The Town of Latchford will continue to monitor the evolving situation, and encourages everyone to take all reasonable precautions, and to stay informed by only sharing information from official sources.

Thank you for your cooperation, for your understanding and stay safe.

Recycling safety precautions:

1. All recycling must be bagged in clear bags.
2. Large pieces of broken down brown corrugated cardboard can be left unbagged. Paper products such as cereal boxes, pizza boxes, newspapers etc. must be bagged. Bins with mixed paper and cardboard will be left behind.
3. All material for buildings we typically go inside to collect should be set outside for collection.
4. If toilet paper, paper towels, napkins or Kleenex are included in the recycling we will tag these bags and leave them behind to be disposed of in the garbage. These items were never accepted in the program but we typically pulled them out and left them behind when possible. It is necessary now to omit entirely.
5. We request that anyone who is at great risk of exposure or is infected or showing symptoms not participate in the recycling program during this time.
6. All the regular rules still apply with regards to garbage in the recycling bags. If you have inappropriate material in your bags they will be left behind.

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(705)647-2322

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