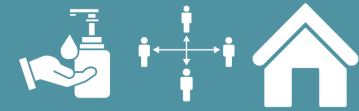


COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATE



Ontario Moving to Step Three of Roadmap to Reopen Framework on July 16, 2021

Ontario will move into Step Three of its Roadmap to Reopen Framework at 12:01 a.m. on July 16, 2021. Step Three of the Roadmap focuses on increased capacity limits and more businesses/services open including indoor dining. To learn more, visit <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1000501/ontario-moving-to-step-three-of-roadmap-to-reopen-on-july-16>

Section 22 Order in Niagara

Section 22 Order in Niagara, which is the restriction on dining with household members only, has been lifted for parties dining outdoors. Local restaurants, bars, wineries, breweries and other food/beverage service operators are still required to follow other restrictions in the Section 22 Order, including asking if patrons have any symptoms of illness and recording information such as name and contact information. For more information on Section 22, please visit <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/reopen/section22.aspx>

Temporary Outdoor Patio and Retail Program

The Town of Fort Erie Temporary Outdoor Patio and Retail Program is intended to support local eating and retail establishments by providing flexibility while at the same time ensuring health and safety standards remain in place. Applicants wishing to establish a new temporary outdoor patio or retail area, or, temporarily expand an existing outdoor patio or retail area must complete and submit an application prior to approval. No fees shall apply to the application. To learn more about the program, or apply online, visit <https://www.forterie.ca/pages/TemporaryOutdoorPatioandRetail>

Youth Summer Job Opportunities

Youth summer job opportunities for individuals aged between 15 and 30 years old are now available on Job Bank. Individuals can apply to over 150,000 full and part-time job opportunities and gain valuable work experience in jobs of 6 weeks or more. To learn more, visit www.jobbank.gc.ca/youth.

Steps to Starting a Small Business Webinar

Interested in starting up a small business but don't know where to start? Sign up now for the Steps to Starting a Small Business webinar offered by the St. Catharines Enterprise Centre. The next webinar is set for July 16 at 10 a.m.. To sign up, visit https://www.investinstc.ca/site/training-and-seminars?fbclid=IwAR2_aBMpnhLONZsutpQAafk_1USjKog4Hnhx5bcjmvzQH04P-2u54HxBcg

Businesses and Fall Student Projects

Are you a business in South Niagara? Are you looking for students to assist you with a micro project (for up to three weeks)? If so, you are invited to complete the South Niagara Chamber of Commerce application form. Previous projects have included marketing plans, implementing social media, inventory, etc. Applications close August 16, 2021. To learn more, visit <https://southniagaracc.com/application-for-fall-student-projects/>

Tourism Relief Fund

The Government of Canada has recently launched the Tourism Relief fund – a program that is designed to support tourism businesses and organizations to adapt their operations to meet public health requirements while investing in products and services to facilitate their future growth. Eligible applications must be part of the tourism ecosystem and will include tourism entities that cater mainly to visitors. Eligible projects will fall under one of two themes:

1. Product development/development and enhancement of tourism experiences or
2. Destination development. Contributions to businesses will be either non-repayable contributions under \$100,000 or fully repayable contributions up to \$500,000.

To learn more, or apply, visit

<https://www.feddevontario.gc.ca/eic/site/723.nsf/eng/02651.html?OpenDocument#intro>

For more information about the Town's response to COVID-19, please visit <https://covid19.forterie.ca>. Information in this COVID-19 Community Update was produced on July 13, 2021.