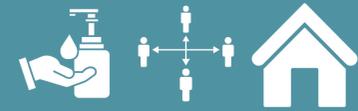


COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATE



Niagara Region COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments Available

Niagara Region Public Health has more COVID-19 vaccination clinic appointments available on the following dates:

- July 23: Lincoln (Beamsville), Lincoln Community Centre
- July 23-27: St. Catharines, Brock University

Book your vaccine online through the provincial portal at [Ontario.ca/bookvaccine](https://ontario.ca/bookvaccine) or call the provincial booking system at 1-833-943-3900. For more information, visit the Niagara Region clinic schedule webpage at <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/vaccination/clinic-schedule.aspx>

Let's Talk Fort Erie

Let's Talk Fort Erie is the Town's online engagement site designed to help you to tell us what you think about upcoming Town projects and initiatives. The one-time registration process is short and will give you access to all discussion forums, surveys, polls, and other input opportunities to participate on the platform. Some of the current projects include Paid Parking in Crystal Beach, Sidewalk Repair Program in 2021, Short-term Rentals and more. To register or view the Town's projects, visit <https://letstalk.forterie.ca>

Town of Fort Erie Temporary Outdoor Patio and Retail Program

The Temporary Outdoor Patio and Retail Program supports local eating and retail establishments by providing flexibility while at the same time ensuring health and safety standards remain in place. Those wishing to establish a new temporary outdoor patio or retail area or temporarily expand an existing outdoor patio or retail area must submit an application prior to approval. Apply at <https://www.forterie.ca/pages/TemporaryOutdoorPatioandRetail>

Steps to Starting a Small Business Webinar

Interested in starting up a small business? Sign up for the Steps to Starting a Small Business webinar offered by the St. Catharines Enterprise Centre. The next webinar is set for July 30 at 10 a.m. Visit https://www.investinstc.ca/site/training-and-seminars?fbclid=IwAR2_aBMpnhlLONZsutpQAafk_1USjKog4Hnhx5bcjmvzQH04P-2u54HxBcg

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 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 non-repayable contributions under \$100,000 or fully repayable contributions of up to \$500,000. To learn more, or apply, visit <https://www.feddevontario.gc.ca/eic/site/723.nsf/eng/02651.html?OpenDocument#intro>

Jobs and Growth Fund

The Government of Canada has committed to creating 1 million jobs by investing \$700 million to stimulate economic recovery following the COVID-19 crisis by investing in projects that will help create jobs over the next three years and beyond. Eligible projects include activities that support the transition to a green economy, foster an inclusive recovery, preserve Canada's competitiveness and future proof of Small to Medium-sized Enterprises through digital adoption, and activities that strengthen capacity in sectors critical to Canada's recovery and growth. To learn more or apply, visit https://www.feddevontario.gc.ca/eic/site/723.nsf/eng/h_02654.html?OpenDocument

Small Business Health and Safety Training Program

As a way to provide approximately 60,000 small Ontarian businesses with free health and safety training over the next three years, the Ontario Government is investing \$10.5 million through the Small Business Health and Safety Training Program (SBHST). The SBHST Program will train health and safety representatives on how to keep workers safe by identifying potential health and safety problems. Businesses will be reimbursed for the time the representatives are away from work. To register for the free training, businesses must access the course through the Workplace Safety and Prevention Services' website at <https://www.wsps.ca/Shop/Training/E-Courses>

**For more information about the Town's response to COVID-19, please visit <https://covid19.forterie.ca>.
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