



Update – November 6, 2020

Supervisors/Managers, please print and post this update in your area and discuss with your employees to ensure they're aware of these topics.

1) Mask/Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) use

- Please ensure you always wash your hands prior to donning a mask. Masks must be unsoiled. Replace disposable masks as they soil. Ensure re-usable masks are cleaned daily and replace them if they are soiled throughout the day. Please remember that Kim Crewson has a good supply of disposable masks (non-medical and a good quality masks)
- When working within 2-m of an employee, you must wear a mask and either a face shield or glasses. Other PPE based on the job is available.

2) Pre-screen before entering a Town facility

- It is imperative that you pre-screen before entering any Town facility.
- If you answer yes to any of the pre-screen questions, do not enter and contact your supervisor for further instruction.
- If you are sick, not related to COVID, please do not come into work. We must keep our workplaces clear of illness.

3) Ontario Releases COVID-19 Response Framework

- The Ontario government has developed the [Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework](#). It ensures that public health measures are targeted, incremental and responsive to help limit the spread of COVID-19, while keeping schools and businesses open, maintaining health system capacity and protecting vulnerable people, including those in long-term care.
- As of November 7, 2020, the province will transition public health unit regions to the new framework. The following proposed classifications for public health unit regions are based on data for the week of October 26, 2020, and expected to be reviewed/approved later today:
 - **Lockdown:**
No public health unit regions
 - **Red-Control:**
No public health unit regions
 - **Orange-Restrict:**
Eastern Ontario Health Unit;
Ottawa Public Health;
Peel Public Health;
Toronto Public Health; and
York Region Public Health.
 - **Yellow-Protect:**
Brant County Health Unit;
City of Hamilton Public Health Services;
Durham Region Health Department; and
Halton Region Public Health.
 - **Green-Prevent:**
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
All other health regions.

For full details, please read the full media release here: [Ontario Releases New Framework](#)



Reminder: Get your flu shot!

North Simcoe Family Health Team Immunization Flu Clinic

- Started Monday, November 2, 2020
- Monday To Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Call to book an appointment: 705-721-7520
- Ages 6 Months and Up
- If You Have Any COVID-19 Symptoms **Please do not come to the Clinic**
- **Masks are Mandatory upon entry.**
- *They will not be offering the High Dose (HD TIV) Flu Vaccine

New Location:

- 619 Prospect Boulevard, Suite 3, Midland, ON

For more details visit [the North Simcoe Family Health Team website.](#)

Reminder: Stay up to date on COVID-19 in our region with the SMDHU Monitoring Dashboard

The purpose of the [COVID-19 Monitoring Dashboard](#) is three-fold:

- The COVID-19 Monitoring Indicators in Simcoe Muskoka are grounded in the provincial Framework for Reopening our Province and are presented across four domains:
 - Virus Spread and Containment
 - Laboratory Testing
 - Health System Capacity and
 - Public Health System Capacity
 - The data will be updated at least weekly, unless otherwise noted.
 - The current overall status of the COVID-19 pandemic in our area is **Yellow** (needs attention)
 - Virus spread and Containment: **red**
 - Laboratory Testing: **yellow**
 - Health System Capacity: **yellow**
 - Public Health System Capacity: **yellow**
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If you think you may have COVID-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has it, first self-isolate and then use [Ontario's Self-Assessment Tool](#) to see if you need to seek further care.

Remember to pre-screen daily when entering any Town building.

Any changes within a department will now be provided to Randy to be included in an update and copied to Clerks@midland.ca for tracking.

We are looking for positive news/stories about Town departments and staff to share both internally and externally. Please email rfee@midland.ca with details so we can promote the great work everyone is doing!