



BRIEFING NOTE

**COVID-19 media briefing notes - Karen Redman
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Good morning!

I'm glad to see that the province has lifted restrictions for Waterloo Region and that some areas of our economy are able to open again. Splash pads, campsites, hairdressers and restaurant patios can proceed to gradually reopen in Waterloo region.

This means we have done a good job and are moving in the right direction as a community

I think we've all settled in to the fact that being physically distant, having good hand hygiene and wearing face coverings has become part our new normal.

As we transition from this new reality to our next reality -- the uncharted territory of Stage 2, we cannot jeopardize all the gains that we have made so far. **We cannot relax.**

Many businesses have recalled staff and are beginning to open up under new guidelines and rules. I ask you to please be patient with them. They will be going through many extra steps to keep their customers and their staff safe and this may take longer and maybe very different from what we experienced before COVID-19.



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The Region's main administrative buildings will be open to the public beginning June 15, 2020.

You may notice some changes to our facilities including Plexiglas barriers, new physical distancing signage and more hand sanitizing stations. Although some of our buildings will be open, services for citizens will remain limited as most continue to be provided online. If you need to visit an administrative building, I encourage you to call ahead or make an appointment where possible.

We are also working hard to meet provincial guidelines and protocols so that we can reopen our child care centres, library branches and Regionally-operated museums. This will take some time and we hope to share more details on timing next week.

As we cautiously reopen your continued diligence in practicing physical distancing, handwashing and wearing a face covering will determine how quickly we move forward to Stage 3 or move backward to Stage 1.

We have all worked so hard to get here and I know we will all work together to protect each other through this next phase.

The weather this weekend looks great. I hope all of you get a chance to get out and enjoy your weekend.