

A message from Regional Chair Karen Redman

Media briefing remarks

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Good morning. Our local situation continues to evolve quickly. In a moment, Dr. Wang will give an update on this, but I first want to share some news on economic support and give some important reminders to citizens.

Collaboration is part of Waterloo Region's DNA and this continues to be true during these unprecedented times of economic uncertainty and stress.

A local Business and Economic Support Team has been formed help direct businesses to resources and program support. This team will ensure there is 'no wrong door' for our local businesses to ask questions, voice concerns and get the answers they need.

This team is comprised of **Communitech, our local Chambers of Commerce, the Region, area municipalities** and more. It will be chaired by Tony LaMantia, CEO of **Waterloo Economic Development Corporation**. Businesses can find more information by contacting any one of these organizations.

I would like to repeat an important reminder from our first responders: 911 is for emergency calls only – it is for people who are seriously ill or injured.

If you feel you should be tested for COVID-19, calling 911 will not fast-track the process. You need to connect with your Health Care Provider or Public Health for screening and assessment. Thank-you for helping keep our first responders safe and allowing them to be where they are most needed.

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I want to end by repeating my thanks to all those who continue to work to keep Waterloo Region running: from Public Health staff and frontline healthcare workers, to grocery store and supply chain workers.

Thanks also to the many, many citizens who are isolating and social – or physical – distancing. We know this can be challenging, but keeping people apart as much as possible is our single best tool to flatten the curve of COVID-19 in Waterloo Region. Please continue to **stay home, stay informed and stay safe**. Thank you for helping us fight this crisis together.