



BRIEFING NOTE

COVID-19 media briefing notes - Karen Redman May 19, 2020

Businesses Re-opening

Today marks the beginning of the province's first phase of recovery. This includes an expanded list of businesses that are permitted to open today, including many in Waterloo Region.

This is possible because of the commitment residents have made to physical distancing and staying home as much as possible, and I thank you for your efforts.

At the Region of Waterloo, we're working hard on our back-to-business plans as well. Although most of our services have continued throughout the last few months, we're eager to re-open some of the programs that have been put on hold due to COVID-19. One example that I'm excited about is allowing curbside pick-up at our rural library branches, which we hope to begin in early June.

Going forward, I want to impress upon everyone to stay vigilant and stay apart as much as possible. As businesses open up, the risk of flare-ups is real, so we need to take it slow and continue to follow public health advice.

As you visit businesses, parks and other public places, continue to stay two metres apart; wear a non-medical mask or face covering; wash your hands and don't gather in groups over five people.

The last thing we want to see is an increase in cases in our Region as a result of loosening restrictions. The gains we have seen locally can easily be lost if we're not careful.

Thanks for doing your part.