

Township of Wilmot extends municipal program and facility cancellations to June 30, 2020

BADEN, ON - April 15, 2020 – The Township of Wilmot, in collaboration with local municipalities; have determined, in the interest of public safety, that, all spring indoor and outdoor municipal recreation programs will be canceled, throughout the Region of Waterloo up to and including June 30, 2020. At this time, summer programs including summer day camps are scheduled to continue as planned with the exception of the week of June 27 – July 3 which has been cancelled.

In addition to these program cancellations, all municipal cultural, recreational and leisure facilities in local municipalities including, recreation facilities, community centres, arenas, pools and sports fields will remain closed through to June 30, 2020.

This decision is designed to help flatten the curve by helping to break the chain of transmission of COVID-19 and to provide certainty to potential registrants for the spring season. This announcement is further to the media release issued April 14, 2020 regarding the postponement/cancellation of all large events on municipal property up to and including June 30, 2020. We anticipate that by making this decision today, volunteer program organizers will have greater certainty as they plan for the upcoming season.

As a result of these extended facility closures, any third-party programs, events or activities scheduled to take place in these facilities will be postponed or cancelled. We have been working with users of our facilities, including sports groups, to make these decisions on a collaborative basis. Please reach out to your sport organization for further information.

We will continually review this decision, in conjunction with direction from the province and guidance from the Region of Waterloo's Medical Officer of Health to determine if we can open facilities earlier or if a further extension is required.

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