

COVID-19 Update for City Council

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Overview of current status

- 259 confirmed cases of COVID-19 including 137 recovered, 8 hospitalizations and 15 deaths in Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit area
- COVID-19 Assessment Centre on Huronia Road open 7 days/week from 8 am to 8 pm
- RVH is still in need of masks

Updates related to City services

- Financial hardship applications available for elimination of fixed charge on next water and waste water bill
- Payment due date grace periods extended for residents and businesses
- Free Barrie Transit extended until May 31st

COVID-19 Enforcement Volumes

MLEO weekly activity April 20 to April 26

- Total instances – 960 including
- 739 from routine patrols (629 no violation)
- 50 emails and 35 phone general enquiries
- Complaints
 - Gatherings – 67
 - Park equipment use - 33
 - Businesses – 28
 - 2 metre distance – 8
- 7 charges laid

City staffing changes

- Due to extended cancellation of several non-essential services and resulting financial impact, additional temporary lay offs and redeployments implemented
- Reduced work week by 1 day per week in most areas of the Corporation

Good news

- Seniors without Walls – connecting senior volunteers at the clubs to each other and to offer virtual programs
- Virtual Recreation Programs
- Potential for Barrie Farmers' Market to open for contactless pick up of pre-ordered groceries
- Textile Pick up program will continue
- Dunlop Streetscape project moving to next phase well in advance of original timelines

Good news – BBRAP

- Barrie Business Response Action Plan - Outline of actions taken by Economic and Creative Development Department and Small Business Centre with Mayor's Task Force,
- Five measures
 - Connect business to financial supports – including NEW Ontario-Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance
 - Support immediate revenue generation
 - Business outreach to understand needs
 - Keep the community connected
 - Move Barrie's economy forward post COVID-19

QUESTIONS

A public health poster with a red and blue background. On the left, a white jagged-edged circle contains the text 'Help STOP the SPREAD of COVID-19'. To the right, the text 'STAY HOME.' is followed by instructions on staying at least 2 metres away from others. At the bottom, a black bar contains the website 'barrie.ca/StayHome'. The background features a red section with virus icons and a blue section.

Help
STOP the
SPREAD
of **COVID-19**

STAY HOME.
If you have to go out
stay **at least 2 metres**
away from those not
part of your household.

barrie.ca/StayHome