



MEDIA RELEASE

Friday, March 5, 2021

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Barrie moves back to Red COVID-19 level of restriction *Residents still advised to stay home, avoid social gatherings and all travel*

(Barrie, ON) As declared by the Province on Friday, March 5, 2021, municipalities in the Simcoe Muskoka area including the City of Barrie have moved out of the Grey-Lockdown level back into the Red-Control level of COVID-19 restrictions. This becomes effective at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, March 8.

The following limitation framework is in place as part of the **Red-Control** level in Barrie:

- Trips outside of the home should only be for essential reasons.
- Families should not visit any other household or allow visitors in their homes.
- All residents should avoid social gatherings and avoid travel. There are limits in place for any organized public events and social gatherings.
- Local restaurants and bars can reopen, with restrictions.
- Barrie Recreation/Community Centres and local sports/fitness facilities can reopen, with restrictions. The City's Recreation/Community Centres will be available for pre-booked, drop in activities starting on March 8.
- Retail stores can remain open subject to the restrictions.

Updates to City services and facilities

On Monday, March 8, the City will reopen select recreation locations (Allandale, East Bayfield and Holly Community Centres) with the following opportunities:

- Pools - swim times and aquafit classes will be limited.
- Fitness – drop-in fitness centre use and fitness classes will be offered with limited spaces.
- Public drop-in skates will be available.
- Virtual programs will continue as previously offered.
- Ice rental time will be available to book at the Allandale Community Centre and Sadlon Arena. Limited space is available, and booking can be done by emailing ice.bookings@barrie.ca.
- Gymnasiums and other programming opportunities will not be available at this time.

Advance bookings must be made for the above programs, and safety guidelines followed by all patrons. More information is available at play.barrie.ca.

The City's customer service centre, Service Barrie, remains open for in-person appointments. Call 705-726-4242 or email service.barrie@barrie.ca to book an appointment. Residents are encouraged to continue to use the City's [online services](#) to easily apply for small building permits, pay for parking or speeding tickets, and more.

The Barrie Public Library will reopen its spaces on Wednesday, March 10. Patrons will be able to browse, borrow and return items, access computers and printers, and reserve work and study spaces. Curbside pickup will continue for low-contact pick-up of materials. Contact tracing and screening questionnaire required upon entry; maximum 50 visitors at a time and 60 minutes per visit. Visit barrielibrary.ca for more information.

See the province's [COVID-19 Response Framework](#) for a full list of measures. Visit the [Health Unit's website](#) for detailed and up-to-date information and steps you should take to stay safe.

Additional Resources:

- Service Barrie: service.barrie@barrie.ca or 705-726-4242
- Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit: 705-721-7520 or simcoemuskokahealth.org/



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- Ontario 211: Community and Social Services: call 211 or visit communityconnection.ca
- Barrie Police Service Non-Emergency Line: 705-725-7025
- Canadian Mental Health Association: cmha.ca
- Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868 or kidshelpphone.ca
- Barrie and Area Healthcare options: barriehealth.ca/

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