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Town makes changes to recreation programming and services as a precaution

NEW TECUMSETH, ON – The Town of New Tecumseth is continuing to work closely with the Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit, the County of Simcoe and other community partners to monitor the COVID-19 global situation to be as prepared as possible and respond accordingly.

Following the announcement from the Provincial Government yesterday that all schools will be closed until April 5, the Town is making precautionary changes to Parks, Recreation and Culture programs and services. Those impacted by cancelled programs will be contacted directly. The following changes will be effective as of the end of day today (**Fri., March 13**) and remain until further notice:

March Break Programs & Day Camps: All registered programs/camps planned for next week through both the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department as well as the New Tecumseth Public Library Branches are cancelled. Full refunds will be processed as soon as possible.

54+ Centre: Facility will be closed until further notice.

Alliston Memorial Arena: All venue rentals will be relocated to other available spaces within the Town. Should anyone not wish to relocate to a new venue and cancel their booking full refunds will be issued.

Beeton Memorial Arena: All venue rentals will be honoured. Anyone wishing to cancel will receive a full refund.

New Tecumseth Recreation Centre:

- All rental (ice, rooms etc.) permits will be honoured at this time. Organizations/sports governing bodies can decide whether to move forward with cancellations or restrictions. If any choose to cancel, they will be issued a full refund.
- Adult registered programs are running. If individuals wish to withdraw, they will receive a prorated refund and will NOT be charged the admin fee.
- Registered programs for youth (18 and under) are cancelled.
- All seniors programs/classes and drop-ins are cancelled.

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- Other Drop-ins/Fitness Centres will remain open to the public and can be used as patrons deem appropriate.
- The walking track in the field house is closed until further notice.

Tottenham Community & Fitness Centre:

- All rental (ice, rooms etc.) permits will be honoured at this time. Organizations/sports governing bodies can decide whether to move forward with cancellations or restrictions. If any choose to cancel, they will be issued a full refund.
- All seniors programs/classes and drop-ins are cancelled.
- Other Drop-ins/Fitness Centres will remain open to the public and can be used as patrons deem appropriate
- Adult registered programs are running. If individuals wish to withdraw, they will receive a prorated refund and will NOT be charged the admin fee.
- Registered programs for youth (18 and under) are cancelled.
- The walking track in the fitness centre of the Tottenham Community & Fitness Centre remains open.

Town Hall and Joint Administration Centre: Remain open

The Town has business continuity plans in place to ensure the most critical Town services continue to be delivered.

Town staff are ensuring increased sanitizing practices on all common touch points and public spaces at all Town facilities and recreation centres. Public education focusing on hand washing and cough etiquette has been increased in high traffic locations. Hand sanitizing stations are available at the entrances of each of our facilities and we are encouraging everyone to use them often.

The Town will continually update its website at <https://www.newtecumseth.ca/en/living-in-our-community/covid-19-information.aspx> with any changes to Town services as a result of COVID-19.