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NORTH BAY PARRY SOUND DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT MOVES TO STAGE 2

NORTH BAY, ON - Premier Ford announced the start of Stage 2 reopening and the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (“Health Unit”) is one of 24 public health regions scheduled to start on June 12 at 12:01 a.m.

Businesses and services allowed to reopen with proper health and safety measures in place in Stage 2 include:

- Outdoor dine-in services at restaurants, bars and other establishments, including patios, curbside, parking lots and adjacent properties;
- Select personal and personal care services with the proper health and safety measures in place, including tattoo parlours, barber shops, hair salons and beauty salons;
- Shopping malls under existing restrictions, including food services reopening for take-out and outdoor dining only;
- Tour and guide services, such as bike and walking, bus and boat tours, as well as tasting and tours for wineries, breweries and distilleries;
- Water recreational facilities such as outdoor splash pads and wading pools, and all swimming pools;
- Beach access and additional camping at Ontario Parks;
- Camping at private campgrounds;
- Outdoor-only recreational facilities and training for outdoor team sports, with limits to enable physical distancing;
- Drive-in and drive-through venues for theatres, concerts, animal attractions and cultural appreciation, such as art installations;
- Film and television production activities, with limits to enable physical distancing; and
- Weddings and funerals, with limits on social gatherings to 10 people.

For businesses to operate, they should open only when they are ready, ensuring proper infection prevention and control measures are in place. Business owners and operators are encouraged to call the Health Unit at 1-800-563-2808 option 5, if they have questions about the requirements to reopen. Businesses are also encouraged to review the province’s [guidance documents](#) for additional guidelines for their sector.

“Thanks to the combined efforts of everyone in our community we are able to enter into Stage 2,” said Dr. Jim Chirico, Medical Officer of Health. “We must remember that although more businesses are opening COVID-19 is not over.”

The Health Unit has been working alongside governments at all levels to ensure that as restrictions are lifted, no matter where, those in our communities remain healthy and safe. To do this, everyone must play their part. People need to continue practice two metre physically distancing from one another, use a face covering when distancing is a challenge, use proper coughing/sneezing etiquette, wash their hands often, use hand sanitizer, and do not touch your face. Gatherings of more than 10 people are still not allowed.

The public needs to remain cautious. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, isolate yourself and call a [testing centre](#) to book an appointment. If you have additional questions about COVID-19 please call the Health Unit's call centre at 1-800-563-2808 option 5.

We must all work together to ensure that as we re-introduce the necessary social and economic measures to keep us well we must continue to practice important public health recommendations to also keep us well. We all share this responsibility and must do our part. People's lives depend on it.

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