

## CASES STILL GOING UP BUT WE ARE STILL OPENING

441 new coronavirus cases, 28 deaths in Ontario as total deaths surpass 2,000

Ontario reported 441 new cases of the novel coronavirus on Friday, the highest case number reported in the last two weeks, bringing the provincial total to 24,628 cases.

In response to the provincial announcements for the opening of some outdoor recreational amenities, the City of Oshawa is reopening a num-

ber of its outdoor amenities for public use, but not for permitting. Additionally, City staff are reassessing and working to reopen other outdoor amenities over the coming weeks.

Team sports or groups of more than five that are not part of the same household are still not permitted to use outdoor recreational amenities due to provincial emergency orders. Community members using outdoor amenities are reminded to adhere to safety protocols,

government orders and health authority guidelines, including:

maintaining physical distancing of at least 2 metres (6 feet) or more between persons;

not to use the amenities in groups of more than five (other than members of the same household); and, respecting posted signage on guidelines for use

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Please see below the list of outdoor amenities and opening status:

Amenities opening by Friday, May 22:

Outdoor racquet courts - for casual use, restricted to single play only. Alexandra Park and North Oshawa Park will remain closed until further notice for improvement work.

Baseball diamonds - for

casual use, no permitting and no team sports play or practice.

Soccer and sports fields - for casual use, no permitting and no team sports play or practice.

Amenities opening by Friday, May 29:

Basketball courts - for casual use, no permitting and no team sports play or practice.

Skate parks at Donevan Recreation Complex and North Oshawa Park

Recreation facilities, splash pads and pools, Lakeview Park Beach and playground structures remain closed at this time.

Outdoor permits are cancelled to the end of June with the exception of tennis and pickleball courts. Additionally, all permit for indoor space remain cancelled until further notice. Please contact the Facility Booking Office at 905-436-3311 or email [FBO@oshawa.ca](mailto:FBO@oshawa.ca) for more information.

## NDP CALLS FOR TESTING FOR ALL WORKERS NEW MOBILE TESTING

The NDP's Andrea Horwath is calling for a dramatically ramped-up COVID-19 testing regime to start immediately, including systematic testing for essential workers and people returning to work, all congregate care settings, plus mobile testing centres to start random community testing.

"Low testing numbers put people's health at risk, and put Ontario's economic reopening at risk," said

Horwath. "For weeks, people were being turned away from the assessment centres because of Ford's restrictive testing policy. Now, the government blames abysmally low testing numbers on people not showing up to assessment centres.

"With tests never getting up to decent levels in Ontario, Ford's been all bluster and blame, and no action to institute a strong COVID-19 test-

ing regime. Let's make today the day Ontario starts that." Horwath and the Official Opposition are proposing a systematic surveillance testing regime, including:

Systematic testing aiming for 100 per cent coverage in group homes, shelters, retirement homes and other congregate settings.

Systematic workplace testing of essential workers, and re-opening workplaces, part-

nering with large employers in areas such as food supply, construction, manufacturing and automotive industries.

Random sample testing in community, using new mobile assessment centres, which would travel to areas where community members are congregating — such as grocery store and pharmacy parking lots.

All three of these new endeavors would test asymp-

tomatic people. Individuals with symptoms should continue to attend an assessment centre, as per the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

As of May 12, the province's testing goal is 20,000 tests every 24 hours. On Friday, Ontario completed 11,276 tests and the average for the past week is 8,826 daily tests.

"When Health Minister Christine Elliott falsely claims

Ontario leads the country in testing, it's clear the Ford government doesn't see the urgency of ramping up Ontario's testing," said Horwath. "But it is urgent. It's people's lives and our economic recovery on the line. Ontario needs to test, test, test and keep testing."

## RCMP DETACHMENTS IN ONTARIO INCREASE THEIR VISIBILITY ON THE CAN-US BORDER

The RCMP Detachments in Ontario are issuing a public notice with respect to their extensive patrol operations along the international border with the United States.

As a result of the temporary border closure for non-essential travel between Canada and the United States, the RCMP has increased its land and marine patrols along the international border in an effort to secure the Canada-US border and deter any smuggling activity. Members work to identify, interdict and stop the flow of illegal persons, drugs, guns and other commodities across the border. They also ensure that boaters are complying with any border restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The RCMP continues to maintain the safety of the border between the ports of entry. If you have any information regarding criminal activity in your area, you can contact the RCMP at 1-800-387-0020.

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