Daily Briefs:

Monday, November 2, 2026

BREAKING — PICKERING ROAD CLOSURE BEGINS TODAY

A new phase of watermain construction is scheduled to begin today on Glenanna Road in Pickering.The closure affects Glenanna Road and the east sidewalk between The Esplanade North and the entrance to the Health Services Centre, approximately 100 metres south of Kingston Road.Additional sidewalk restrictions remain in effect between Pickering Parkway and The Esplanade North.Construction is scheduled to continue through November 16. Access to the Health Services Centre at 1885 Glenanna Road will remain available from Kingston Road.

WHY IT MATTERS: The project will affect commuters, pedestrians, nearby businesses and patients attending medical appointments. Residents should allow additional travel time.

BOWMANVILLE — TRANSIT DETOURS CONTINUE THROUGH DECEMBER

Durham Region Transit Route 502 remains affected by construction along Liberty Street between Longworth Avenue and Concession Road 3.The detour is scheduled to continue through December 1.Eastbound and westbound buses are following different alternate routes through Bowmanville.

WHY IT MATTERS: Transit passengers should check stop locations and allow additional travel time. Reliable public transportation remains increasingly important as Bowmanville continues to expand.

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

BREAKING — PICKERING HOME AND VEHICLES STRUCK BY GUNFIRE

Durham Regional Police announced November 2 that investigators are examining a shooting at a Pickering residence.Officers responded Sunday, November 1, at approximately 8:25 p.m. to the area of Shadybrook Drive and Edgewood Road.Police discovered several shell casings on the roadway. A residence and two vehicles parked in the driveway had been struck by bullets.Surveillance footage showed a lone suspect wearing black clothing approaching the property on foot, firing several rounds and fleeing.No injuries were reported.Investigators believe the incident was isolated.

WHY IT MATTERS: Gunfire directed at residential properties presents a serious public-safety concern. Police are seeking witnesses and surveillance footage.

AJAX — SECOND DURHAM RESIDENTIAL SHOOTING UNDER INVESTIGATION

Police are investigating another shooting that damaged a home and vehicles in Ajax.The incident occurred November 1 between approximately 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. near Chalmers Crescent and Blackburn Crescent.Investigators discovered that gunfire had struck a residence, garage and two parked vehicles.Three adults were inside the home at the time. None was physically injured.Police recovered shell casings from the roadway and believe the incident was isolated.

WHY IT MATTERS: Two separate residential shootings in Pickering and Ajax on the same day raise concerns about gun violence in Durham neighbourhoods. Police have not established a connection between the incidents.

OSHAWA — POLICE INVESTIGATE REPORTS OF NEEDLES IN HALLOWEEN CANDY

Durham Regional Police are investigating reports that sewing needles were discovered in Halloween candy collected in Oshawa.The suspicious candy was reportedly collected near Ritson Road North and Taunton Road.Police are examining the circumstances and canvassing the neighbourhood.Parents are being encouraged to inspect children's Halloween treats carefully and report suspicious items.

WHY IT MATTERS: The investigation raises concerns about children's safety. Residents should avoid consuming suspicious candy and preserve any questionable items for police examination.

CLARINGTON — VIOLENT CARJACKING INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

Police continue searching for suspects involved in an October 29 carjacking near Clarington Concession Road 4 and Elliott Road.A 58-year-old man was injured during the incident.Investigators believe several suspects participated in the attack and theft of the victim's vehicle.

WHY IT MATTERS: The incident raises concerns about violent vehicle theft in rural communities. Investigators are seeking information that could identify those responsible.

PORT PERRY — FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION REMAINS UNDER INVESTIGATION

Durham Regional Police continue investigating the October 29 collision that killed a 91-year-old pedestrian on Simcoe Street near Country Estates Drive.The man was struck by a van shortly after 5 a.m.The driver remained at the scene and contacted emergency services.

WHY IT MATTERS: The death highlights the importance of pedestrian visibility, road lighting and traffic safety, particularly on rural roads during early morning hours.

OSHAWA — SIMCOE STREET NORTH CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

Durham Region is maintaining lane restrictions on Simcoe Street North between Glovers Road and Niagara Drive.The restrictions began October 26 and are scheduled to continue through November 20.Crews are relocating natural gas infrastructure in preparation for a future regional capital project.At least one lane in each direction will remain open.

WHY IT MATTERS: Simcoe Street North is a major transportation corridor serving Ontario Tech University, Durham College and surrounding residential neighbourhoods. Drivers should anticipate delays.

PICKERING — GLENANNA ROAD WATERMAIN CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

Watermain construction restrictions began November 2 on Glenanna Road near The Esplanade North and the Health Services Centre.The work is scheduled to continue through November 16.Access to the Health Services Centre remains available from Kingston Road.Additional restrictions continue at Westney Road and Concession Road 6 through November 15.

WHY IT MATTERS: Residents, businesses and patients attending medical appointments should prepare for traffic disruptions and temporary pedestrian detours.

AJAX / WHITBY — LAKE RIDGE ROAD RESURFACING CONTINUES

Durham Region's resurfacing project on Lake Ridge Road remains underway.Construction affects the section between Dundas Street East and Rossland Road. Lane restrictions are scheduled to continue through November 30.

WHY IT MATTERS: The improvements are intended to extend the roadway's service life, but construction may cause delays for commuters travelling between Ajax and Whitby.

BOWMANVILLE — LIBERTY STREET ROAD CLOSURE CONTINUES

Liberty Street North remains closed between Longworth Avenue and Bons/Freeland Avenue as part of a major reconstruction project. The work includes a new roundabout, watermain and sewer infrastructure improvements.The current closure is scheduled through December 31, with the overall project expected to continue into 2028.

WHY IT MATTERS: The project will support future growth, but construction continues to affect local businesses, transit passengers and residents.

NORTH DURHAM — URGENT UXBRIDGE CULVERT REPLACEMENT UNDERWAY

Regional Road 8 remains closed near Concession Road 5 in Uxbridge.The closure began November 2 and is scheduled to continue through November 5.Crews are replacing twin culverts and completing drainage and pavement improvements.

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Health Department investigating confirmed case of measles in Durham

Whitby, Ontario – Durham Region Health Department has received confirmation of a case of measles in a local unimmunized child with history of recent international travel.

The Health Department is investigating and following up directly with known contacts in Durham Region who may have been exposed to the measles virus.

The Health Department's investigation has determined that members of the public may have been exposed at the following location during the date and time noted in the table below and are advised to monitor for signs and symptoms of measles.

Lakeridge Health Ajax-Pickering Emergency Department Waiting Room. November 24, 2026.
Watch for symptoms until (21 days after exposure)

The Health Department advises anyone who believes they may have been exposed to the measles virus at the above locations to do the following:

Confirm you and your family members have two doses of measles vaccine (MMR or MMRV); those born before 1970 would likely have had measles illness as a child and are protected. Individuals who are unsure of their vaccination status should check with their health care provider.

If you develop symptoms, stay home and do not attend work or school. Call ahead before visiting a clinic or primary care provider and let them know you may have measles to allow them to prepare and prevent the spread of the virus. Wear a well-fitting mask when getting a medical assessment.

Individuals who do not have access to a health care provider may also call Durham Health Connection Line at 905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729.

Measles is a highly contagious disease that spreads easily to those who are not immunized or have not previously had measles.

Infants under one-year of age, unimmunized pregnant individuals, and people with weakened immune systems are at increased risk of complications from measles.

The measles virus can stay in the air or on surfaces for up to two hours. Measles symptoms typically begin seven to 21 days after infection and may include:

High fever (greater than or equal to 38.3 degrees Celsius)
Cough
Runny nose
Red, watery eyes (conjunctivitis, i.e. pink eye), sensitivity to light
Red rash lasting four to seven days



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