

## **NEWS RELEASE**



### **The City of Brockville's Response to COVID-19**

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### **April 15, 2020 - 2:00 pm - Press Release: Moratorium on Events in City Parks and Facilities**

The City of Brockville has called for a moratorium on all events in City parks and facilities until June 30, 2020.

In order to be in line with the Federal and Provincial response to the COVID-19 pandemic, The City of Brockville has instituted a moratorium on events at City facilities, in City parks, on City streets and in other public areas. This moratorium is to aid in reducing opportunities for the virus to spread through personal contact and proximity at gatherings and is consistent with the City's pandemic response.

*"Tourism and local events have a huge impact on our economy and on our community pride. We do not take this decision, or any decision related to the pandemic, lightly. We have a responsibility to look out for the health and wellbeing of our residents and we have decided to take this important step to help stop the spread of COVID-19. We also want to give event organizers as much notice as possible so that they can adjust their plans or reschedule their events."* – Mayor Jason Baker

Event organizers will be contacted and encouraged to consider rescheduling their event, where possible.

The City of Brockville will continue to take all the necessary steps to modify our services to ensure our community and staff stay safe.

The City would also like to remind and encourage everyone to follow the recommendations of our public health agency.

- Properly wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Engage in proper cough or sneeze etiquette, including but not limited to covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze and disposing of used tissues immediately
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
- Refrain from shaking hands with another person
- Practice social distancing of at least 2 metres
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

If you have symptoms of a respiratory illness of any kind (e.g. fever, coughing, shortness of breath, etc.) you are asked to stay home and seek medical treatment.

The City of Brockville continues to review the situation on a day to day basis while we take all necessary precautions towards the spread of COVID-19.

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