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Town ends declaration of emergency for COVID-19 pandemic

Georgina, ON – The Town of Georgina has officially ended the [declaration of emergency](#) that was declared on March 19, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The emergency declaration aligned the Town with the Province, granting the Mayor the authority to take such action as she considered necessary to implement the Town’s emergency plan. It also granted the Town the power to protect volunteer emergency workers.

“As the vaccination rates in York Region continue to rise and case counts have become stable, it is time to end the declaration of emergency in Georgina,” said Mayor Margaret Quirk. “Throughout the past year and a half, the Town has placed the safety of staff and the community at the forefront. It has been a challenging time for our residents and businesses. We are not where we were a year ago when we had much higher COVID-19 case numbers. As we cautiously continue with our reopening plan, we must remember the pandemic is not over and to remain vigilant against the virus.”

As a result of the end of the emergency declaration, the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) will be deactivated. Senior Town staff will meet as needed to continue to monitor the pandemic situation, and address the continued reopening of Town facilities and amenities.

“We had great success with the vaccination clinic that operated at the Georgina Ice Palace, allowing residents convenient access to be vaccinated. I want to commend and thank Town staff who were dedicated to serving the community by working at the clinic,” said Mayor Quirk.

Residents are reminded you can help stop the spread of COVID-19 by following all public health and safety measures, wearing a mask indoors and practising safe physical distancing.

For the latest information, news and updates on COVID-19 in Georgina, visit [georgina.ca/COVID-19](https://www.georgina.ca/COVID-19).

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