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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Leeds Grenville Municipal Emergency Control Group updates**

The highlights of the Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) held today are listed below. The group hears reports from the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit, area police and fire officials and Counties departments, including Community and Social Services, Paramedic Service, Public Works, Finance and Maple View Lodge long-term care facility.

#### **Counties Council will discuss continuation of emergency declaration:**

Warden Pat Sayeau announced a discussion regarding whether the counties-wide Declaration of Emergency should be continued or lifted will take place at the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Warden Sayeau initially declared a State of Emergency for Leeds and Grenville on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Warden commended Counties staff for ensuring service delivery throughout the past 10 weeks since the Ontario government announced its COVID-19 Declaration of Emergency on March 17<sup>th</sup>. He noted staff have adapted to new working procedures to ensure their safety while continuing to provide regular and critical services to Leeds and Grenville residents.

#### **No new tri-county COVID-19 community cases identified in the past week:**

Dr. Paula Stewart, Chief Medical Officer of Health with the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit, confirmed there have been no new community cases of COVID-19 identified in the region over the past week.

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Dr. Stewart also noted the province is now encouraging more testing, including testing of those who may be asymptomatic. Additional testing will give a better sense of how many community cases there are, she said.

**Emergency childcare centres operating well:**

Four Emergency Child Care sites for essential workers continue to operate in Kemptville and Brockville. There is a small waiting list for Brockville.

Child care rooms are limited to six children each to maintain required distancing guidelines. The application form for essential workers is available on the Counties [Community and Social Services webpage](#).

The Temporary Social Distancing Centre is slowly winding down its operations. Alternative housing is being arranged for those in need.

**Reminder for residents to follow safe burning practices:**

Leeds and Grenville residents are permitted to burn according to local guidelines and restrictions within their municipalities. The Leeds Grenville Fire Coordinator asks residents to burn safely. Learn more on the province's [Safe Burning](#) webpage.

**Provincial Online Assessment tool**

If you think you have COVID-19 symptoms, check the Ontario Online Self-Assessment tool. Symptoms have changed over time and now include a runny nose and fatigue. [Online Self-Assessment tool](#).

**MECG's next meeting:** The next Municipal Emergency Control Group will be at the call of the chair.

Learn more on the [Counties COVID-19 Information webpage](#). Subscribe to a [Special COVID-19 Business Support webpage](#)

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