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Press Release

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Township of Selwyn Declares State of Emergency

The Township of Selwyn has officially declared a State of Emergency effective today, Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 4:15 p.m. in response to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for people to take necessary precautions.

"This emergency declaration is intended to send a strong message to our community about the need to follow all health and safety precautions as directed by the Federal and Provincial Governments and Peterborough Public Health. The action we take today is critical to slow the spread of COVID-19," said Mayor Andy Mitchell. *"It is up to each and every one of us to take responsibility and demonstrate our commitment to public health directions. The Township of Selwyn has always been a community that comes together during tough times and now, more than ever, it is important for us to do our part and keep each other safe."*

This decision follows declarations made by the Province of Ontario for the entire province as well as numerous other municipalities that have declared local states of emergency.

The Township of Selwyn is clearly stating as a community that our efforts are focused on the COVID-19 pandemic for the health and safety of everyone. Key messages for our community:

- Stay home as much as possible.
- Practise social distancing; at least two metres (six feet) apart from other people.
- If you are an essential service and must go out for work, stay at least two metres apart from other people.
- If you must go out for an essential errand, stay at least two metres apart from other people and designate one person to do the errand.
- Wash your hands frequently using soap and for 15 to 20 seconds each time.
- When hand washing is not possible, use hand sanitizer.
- Cough or sneeze into your arm.
- If you are sick or have COVID-19 symptoms, stay home.
- Use the online self-assessment tool before leaving home at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-self-assessment>



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- If you are returning from travel outside of Canada, you must go home and stay home for 14 days.

The Township of Selwyn will continue to take all steps necessary to maintain essential services for our residents and local businesses to the best of our ability. Residents can visit www.selwyntownship.ca/Covid19 for up-to-date information about municipal services. Information will also be communicated by means of our Twitter @SelwynTownship and Facebook pages @SelwynTownship.

For information about COVID-19, Peterborough Public Health provides information and links to provincial and federal resources at: www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca.

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