



Media Release  
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## **Town of LaSalle Operations in Response to Coronavirus**

The Town of LaSalle will host activities as planned at the Vollmer Culture and Recreation Complex over the March Break week. Following advice of the Windsor Essex County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Wajid Ahmed, there is no need to close recreation facilities at this time. There are currently no cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Windsor and Essex County. The overall risk is low for residents of Windsor and Essex County.

March Break activities include day camp, recreational swimming and public skating. No new registrations for day camp are being accepted at this time. In addition, the Youth Dance scheduled for tonight, March 13, will take place as scheduled. Recreational swimming and public skating participants are encouraged to register in advance at [www.lasalle.ca/register](http://www.lasalle.ca/register). Please note that we will not be accepting private rentals of any kind, including ice rentals. Regular programs in the pool, the fitness centre and the indoor walking track will operate as regularly scheduled.

As you may be aware, many local, provincial and national organizations and/or groups have cancelled their activities at the current time. Some of those activities usually take place at the Vollmer Complex: the playoffs for the LaSalle Vipers have been cancelled, all minor hockey and skating programs are cancelled and the Play for a Cure event has been postponed.

The Town of LaSalle's Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) continues to be in a routine monitoring stage, and staff are consulting with the Windsor Essex County Health Unit, the County of Essex, local municipalities and first responder agencies to ensure we are prepared to respond to the challenges and concerns of a potential COVID-19 outbreak in Windsor-Essex. The health and safety of our residents, staff and visitors is high priority. Preventative measures will be maintained as required, including enhanced cleaning practices.

It is important to be vigilant as staff and as visitors to follow the precautions as outlined by the Health Unit for everyone's safety. Cases of influenza are prevalent in the Windsor-Essex area. The following are used to protect yourself against respiratory viruses like influenza and coronavirus:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are ill.
- Stay home when you are ill.

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then immediately throw the tissue in the garbage and wash your hands. If you don't have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve or arm.
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces that are frequently touched.
- Try to keep a distance of 2m from those who are ill.

Most importantly, if you are not feeling well, please stay home. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. For up to date information, check the Windsor Essex County Health Unit's website at [www.wechu.org](http://www.wechu.org).

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