

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

As of July 18, 2022

### Public Health Update

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) is reporting an increase in the rate of COVID-19 transmission and the beginning of a seventh wave in Simcoe Muskoka. The wave is being driven by the Omicron BA.5 subvariant, which is more transmissible than its BA.2 counterpart and is now the dominant strain in Ontario. Being previously infected by other COVID-19 strains does not afford lasting protection against the BA.5 variant.

In addition to staying up to date with vaccination and booster doses, the Health Unit continues to strongly recommend that people take precautions to protect themselves and those around them from COVID-19, particularly those who are most vulnerable. Precautions include:

- choosing activities outside versus inside if possible;
- wearing a mask in indoor public settings;
- limiting your number of close contacts;
- physically distancing from people outside your household;
- ensuring good ventilation or spending time and socializing outdoors;
- and practicing proper hand hygiene.

If you are feeling unwell, stay home and get tested if you have access to either rapid antigen tests or are eligible for PCR testing.

### Second Booster Dose Vaccine Eligibility

The Province of Ontario has expanded eligibility for second booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to Ontarians aged 18 and over in order to provide an extra layer of protection to those who may need it.

Second booster doses are being offered at an interval of five months after an individual receives their first booster dose. A new bivalent COVID-19 vaccine is anticipated to be approved by Health Canada this fall, which may offer more targeted protection against the Omicron variants. Ontarians are encouraged to speak with their health care provider about whether getting a second booster dose now is right for them.

High-risk individuals who should get their second booster dose as soon as possible include:

- Individuals aged 60 and over;
- First Nation, Inuit and Métis individuals and their non-Indigenous household members aged 18 and over;

- Residents of a long-term care home, retirement home, or Elder Care Lodge and older adults living in other congregate settings that provide assisted-living and health services;
- and individuals who are moderately to severely immunocompromised.

Eligible individuals can book an appointment through the COVID-19 vaccination portal at [ontario.ca/bookvaccine](https://ontario.ca/bookvaccine); by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900; directly through public health units that use their own booking systems; through Indigenous-led vaccination clinics; and through participating pharmacies.

Anyone who has not yet received their COVID-19 vaccination or booster doses is encouraged to do so as soon as they are eligible. Information about eligibility and clinic locations is available at [smdhu.org/getvaccinated](https://smdhu.org/getvaccinated).

### Testing and Treatment for Active Cases

The Ontario government will continue to provide free rapid antigen tests to the general public through existing channels like grocery stores and pharmacies, as well as to workplaces, schools, hospitals, long-term care and retirement homes and other congregate settings until Dec. 31, 2022.

People who are experiencing symptoms and are at higher risk of severe COVID-19 may be eligible for treatment. Antiviral treatment with Paxlovid can help to reduce hospitalizations, protect hospital capacity and protect patients at higher risk of severe health outcomes, but must be taken during the first five to seven days of symptoms. To find out if you are eligible and should be assessed for treatment, use Ontario's online antiviral screener tool at [ontario.ca/COVID19](https://ontario.ca/COVID19). If required, an assessment can be done at a clinical assessment centre or by contacting your health care provider.

For local public health updates about COVID-19 and details about where and how to get a vaccination, visit [smdhu.org/COVID19](https://smdhu.org/COVID19). For updates and impacts to City of Orillia services and facilities, visit [orillia.ca/COVID-19](https://orillia.ca/COVID-19).

Notice 

## Downtown Road Closures: July 22 and 23, 2022

### July 22, 2022: See You on the Patio Program

On Friday evenings until Sept. 2 from 5 to 11 p.m., Mississauga Street will be closed between Front Street and Albert Street, with Peter Street South also being closed between Mississauga Street and the Peter Street entrance to the Steenhof Building Services Group's parking lot. During this time, Orillia Transit detours will also be in effect from 5 p.m. until end of service.

### July 23, 2022: Summer Block Party

From midnight to 8 p.m., Mississauga Street East will be closed between Albert Street and Front Street. Peter Street South will also be closed between Mississauga Street East and Colborne Street. During this time, Orillia Transit detours will also be in effect.

For more information, including a detour map and details, please visit [orillia.ca/transit](https://orillia.ca/transit) or call 705-326-8300. Find more information about events in Orillia at [visitorillia.ca](https://visitorillia.ca).

Election 



Information regarding the 2022 City of Orillia Municipal and School Board Elections can be found by visiting [orillia.ca/2022election](https://orillia.ca/2022election).

2022 Ontario Municipal and School Board Elections

## Are you on the list to vote?



Verify your information at [voterlookup.ca](https://voterlookup.ca)

Voter LookUp.ca 

## Events 🗓️

FRIDAY NIGHT  
**Market**

July 22 and Aug. 12 from 5 to 9 p.m.

The regular Orillia Farmers' Market continues to run on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

[orilliafarmersmarket.on.ca](http://orilliafarmersmarket.on.ca)

**Celebrate with Fierté Simcoe Pride**

Pride season is here, and the City of Orillia is proud to be part of Fierté Simcoe Pride's celebrations between July 25 and Aug. 7, 2022.

Kicking off the Pride celebrations is the flag raising on July 25 at 1 p.m. at the Orillia Opera House. A Trans March is taking place on Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. The theme this year is "Protect Trans Youth, Protect Trans Elders." The Trans March starts at Kiwanis Skate Park and travels by foot to Couchiching Beach Park on the paved trail stretching across the waterfront.

To see a schedule of events, access resources for the LGBTQ2S+ community, and learn more, visit our website at [orillia.ca/pride](http://orillia.ca/pride).

**PRIDE SEASON**  
**SAISON DE LA FIERTÉ**

## Important Dates 📅

## Upcoming Meetings

Monday, July 25: No Meeting  
 Monday, Aug. 1: No Meeting (Civic Holiday)  
 Monday, Aug. 8: No Meeting  
 Monday, Aug. 15: No Meeting  
**Monday, Aug. 22: Council Committee**  
**Thursday, Aug. 25: Regular Council**

Regularly scheduled Council Committee and Council meetings will begin at 4 p.m. The Closed Session portion of these meetings will commence prior to 4 p.m. Meetings will be held electronically until further notice. Residents can watch regularly scheduled Council Committee and Council meetings on Rogers TV or online. Full agenda packages and the streaming link are available at [orillia.ca](http://orillia.ca). For further information contact us at 705-325-1311 or [clerks@orillia.ca](mailto:clerks@orillia.ca).

## Job Opportunities

**Aquatic Lead Hand**

Corporate Services Department  
 Closing: July 22, 2022

**Lifeguarding Positions**

Corporate Services Department  
 Ongoing Recruitment

**Program Instructor**

Corporate Services Department  
 Ongoing Recruitment

**Day Camp Staff**

Corporate Services Department  
 Ongoing Recruitment

**Skate Instructor**

Corporate Services Department  
 Ongoing Recruitment

**Event Staff (Part-Time)**

Business Development, Culture and Tourism Department  
 Ongoing Recruitment

**Production Crew (Part-Time, Contract)**

Business Development, Culture and Tourism Department  
 Ongoing Recruitment

For a full listing and details regarding job opportunities with the City of Orillia, please visit [orillia.ca/employment](http://orillia.ca/employment).

## Notice ⚠️

## Recreation Advisory Committee: Renaming Kitchener Park Ball Diamonds

The Recreation Advisory Committee invites the public to consider and submit suggestions for the renaming of the Kitchener Park Ball Diamonds in accordance with City Policy 7.1.8.2. for the Naming/Renaming Athletic Fields, which states: "Ball diamonds may be named/renamed after participants, builders and volunteers or any combination of these categories on the basis of an 'extraordinary' contribution to and/or involvement in ball over an extended period of time."

Please make written submissions by July 22, 2022, including your contact information, to:  
 City of Orillia – Recreation Advisory Committee, 50 Andrew St. S., Suite 300, Orillia, ON L3V 7T5.

The Committee will confidentially review submissions and report recommendations to a closed session meeting of Council Committee. For more information please contact Rhonda Elliott, Committee Secretary, at [relliott@orillia.ca](mailto:relliott@orillia.ca) or 705-558-9554.