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COVID-19 State of Emergency Lifted in the Municipality of Brockton

Brockton, ON, September 15, 2021 – Mayor Chris Peabody has officially lifted the State of Emergency in the Municipality of Brockton in response to the COVID-19 pandemic as of 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. The Municipality declared a State of Emergency on March 23, 2020.

Declaring an emergency under the [Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act](#) gives municipal governments access to tools, funding, and resources to protect residents' health and safety. As the pandemic continues, and the community gradually reopens with standard operating procedures in place, the state of emergency is no longer needed.

“The residents and businesses of Brockton have been diligent in response to the challenges we have faced in the community as a result of the pandemic. Locally we see a low rate of new cases and the vaccination rates continue to rise which allows us to consider this next step. It is time for our community to move forward adapting to living with COVID-19 and our new normal. This does not mean the pandemic is over. This is a step towards re-opening our community as our staff continue to adapt and deliver essential services to the community.” Mayor Chris Peabody remarked.

While the impact of COVID-19 is stabilizing, the Brockton Municipal Emergency Control Group will continue to meet regularly. If the situation changes, the Municipality has the ability to move back into a state of emergency. [Provincial orders](#) are still in effect under the [Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act](#) and the [Reopening Ontario \(A Flexible Response to COVID-19\) Act](#). Ontario remains in Step Three of its [Roadmap to Reopen](#).

The Municipality of Brockton will continue to follow Provincial regulations and Grey Bruce Health Unit recommendations, taking all steps necessary to maintain essential services for our residents and local businesses.

In Grey Bruce, 83% of eligible residents (12+) have one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 77% are fully vaccinated. The Municipality encourages all residents to get vaccinated to protect themselves and others from the virus. Vaccinations continue to be available locally through the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit, or local pharmacies. To book a vaccination, visit the [Provincial Vaccine Appointment webpage](#). **A local vaccine clinic is being held at the Walkerton Fire Hall (510 Napier Street) on Monday September 20th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** High vaccine rates are positive news, but it is critical to remember that public health measures remain in place. Everyone should continue to practice physical distancing, wear masks in public indoor places, and stay home when sick.

Visit the [Grey Bruce Public Health website](#) and [Brockton.ca/COVID19](#) for updates and resources.

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