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## COVID-19 UPDATE

Effective Aug. 14, Durham Region Health Department has begun winding down local COVID-19 vaccine mass immunization clinics, giving community members a few more weeks to get their first or second dose at one of these clinics.

Walk-in opportunities for either first or second doses continue to be available at all mass immunization clinics for anyone 12 and older. People are also still able to book appointments at [durham.ca/vaccineappointment](http://durham.ca/vaccineappointment) or call **1.888.444.5113**.

Individuals who have an appointment booked at a mass immunization clinic after the date that the clinic closes will be contacted by phone or email about where they can receive their vaccination.

“Local mass immunization clinics are no longer filling up, signalling the need to phase out large scale clinics,” explained Dr. Robert Kyle, Durham Region Medical Officer of Health. “As the need for large mass immunization clinics comes to an end, there will still be many opportunities for residents to get vaccinated.”

Health Department vaccine clinics are being planned on a smaller scale to be available in the community for those waiting or unable to access mass immunization clinics. These additional clinics will be posted at [durham.ca/covidvaccines](http://durham.ca/covidvaccines)



## KEEP UP-TO-DATE ON COVID-19

For a complete and detailed list of impacted areas, visit [pickering.ca/COVID19](http://pickering.ca/COVID19).

For up-to-date information regarding the status of cases in Durham Region, see the Durham Region Health Department's website: [durham.ca/COVID19](http://durham.ca/COVID19).

All previous newsletters are posted at [davidpickles.com](http://davidpickles.com), including roles and responsibilities of different levels of government.

## A LETTER FROM COUNCILLOR PICKLES AND COUNCILLOR BUTT

### Welcome September!

Summer holidays are over, and as we get back into our familiar routines of school, work, activities etc. we are reminded of the new “normal”, yet there are some issues that remain the same. Many people ask us as a member of Council, “what is the most common inquiry we get from residents?” We would describe it as the good neighbour/bad neighbour issues. The issues: speeding, noise, litter, long grass/weeds, parking, and not picking up after their dogs. Now, most residents are good neighbours and follow the rules, look after their properties and respect others’ and public property; however, the people that do not cause the rest of us and the City grief. Not only do these disrupt and frustrate residents, but they also divert city and police resources (taxpayer funds) to pursue offenders and cleanup while these resources could otherwise be directed to more constructive efforts in our community. On behalf of all residents, please be a good neighbour, obey the speed limit, don’t park illegally (including blocking sidewalks), pick up after your pets, maintain your property and don’t litter, and generally be respectful to your neighbours and community. Although it is difficult for police and bylaw staff to be everywhere all the time, they are out there doing their best to encourage and take action to protect and support the rules and are there for us despite the conditions they must endure.

Speaking of good neighbours and the greater good, as we hopefully come to the end of this pandemic, please get your first and second vaccinations when you can, continue to follow public health directions such as distancing and wearing a mask, visit the Durham Region and City social media sites for up-to-date information, and stay safe! Please remember that we are fortunate to have many essential workers out there every day, such as health care workers, transit employees, Regional and City workers, retail and food staff, and many others. Let’s say goodbye to summer, but welcome fall with open arms and warm hearts!

# STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE CONCERNS OF PICKERING AND DURHAM REGION!

## City Hall Update

We are happy to report that Pickering City Hall is now open for in-person service. Staff also remain available to serve residents virtually during the regular business hours of Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Connect with us Monday to Friday (8:30 am - 4:30 pm) at **905.683.7575**, [customercare@pickering.ca](mailto:customercare@pickering.ca), or [pickering.ca/livechat](https://www.pickering.ca/livechat).



## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: Pickering Foot Clinic

We support local businesses that have worked hard to keep their doors open during the pandemic. One such business is Pickering Foot Clinic, which has been serving Pickering and the surrounding area since 2017. Owner Ali Bandahi specializes in sports-related injuries, orthotic therapy, and diabetic foot care. Ali is a proud resident of Pickering. He enjoys working in and giving back to the community. Ali is also the Chiropractor for the GoodLife Toronto Marathon and is an integral part of the medical team at the finish line.

Pickering Foot Clinic is open for in-person treatment. You can contact Ali and his team at **905.837.2727** to book your consultation or appointment. To view a complete list of all of their services, please visit: [pickeringfootclinic.com](http://pickeringfootclinic.com) or **1105 D Kingston Road, Suite 204**

## Claremont Library

This fall, a new pilot project will launch at the Claremont Library to provide Extended Access to residents of north Pickering.



The Extended Access project will add 50 hours of service weekly to the Claremont Library through new self-serve technology. This technology includes 1) a library card scanner that will give you access to the Library and 2) self-checkout machines. During Extended Access hours, you will be able to borrow materials, study, use the computers or WIFI, print and photocopy, and connect remotely to the staff at the Central Library.

This innovative service will improve library service to north Pickering, matching the hours of other Pickering Public Library locations. Please stay tuned to Pickering Public Library's website for updates on the launch and sign up to be one of the first to test the new service.



## Senior Centre Without Walls

The city of Pickering introduces Seniors Centre Without Walls - Join City of Pickering program staff for free weekly programs and Spotlight Series Presentations. All you need is a telephone, no internet or computer required. [pickering.ca/en/living/seniors-centre-without-walls.aspx](https://www.pickering.ca/en/living/seniors-centre-without-walls.aspx)

## Park Improvements

So many improvements happening in our city, the ball diamond reconstruction and pickleball markings are in place in Claremont Memorial Park, new picnic shelters are up in Centennial Park and Whitevale Park, a new skateboard spot is coming to Westshore Community Centre on Bayly Street, and two new off-leash dog parks are coming to Balsdon Park (Liverpool Road and Krosno) and Dunmoore Park (south end of Whites Road). We are also finalizing plans for the new park at the corner of Dersan Street and Tillings Road, and the second phase of improvements and a new park washroom are in the design stage for Rotary Frenchman's Bay West Park. We are planning a formal dedication of the Rick Johnson Memorial in Seaton this fall; watch for details. Please feel free to contact us for more information on these projects.



Check out [letstalkpickering.ca](http://letstalkpickering.ca) for exciting projects like our Beachfront Park Revitalization & Needs Study and extended access to the Claremont Library.

## Pickering Casino has officially opened its doors!



Pickering Casino Resort is now open and set to become a significant provider of jobs and revenue for the City of Pickering.

This landmark project will be the premier entertainment and tourism district east of Yonge Street and one of Ontario's top destinations for fun and excitement.

Located at the northwest corner of Church and Bayly Streets, the resort boasts a dynamic mix of excitement, culture, nightlife, cuisine, and adventure that will cater to every whim and indulgence. To learn more about this exciting addition to Durham, please visit: [pickering.ca/en/city-hall/durham-live.aspx](https://www.pickering.ca/en/city-hall/durham-live.aspx)

## Welcome New Residents!

The Durham Immigration Portal is an online resource for topics related to diversity and immigration in the Region of Durham. For more information, please visit: [durhamimmigration.ca](http://durhamimmigration.ca)

Welcome Centre Immigrant Services is a one-stop service designed to guide and support immigrants in Durham and York Regions. Services at the Welcome Centre include: settlement and integration services, English language training, accreditation and qualifications information, employment supports and other services based on community needs (such as legal services, mental health services, culturally appropriate family counselling, etc.).

View address and hours of operation for the Pickering Welcome Centre location at: [www.welcomecentre.ca](http://www.welcomecentre.ca)

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