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For Immediate Release

Elgin County Encourages Residents to Stay Home and Stay Safe This Victoria Day Weekend

Elgin County, Ontario – On May 13, 2021 the Province of Ontario announced that the [Stay at Home order](#) currently in effect would be extended until at least June 2, 2021. As the Victoria Day Weekend approaches, Elgin County wants to remind residents that all current emergency orders remain in effect, including the closure of outdoor recreational amenities.

Although there has been a significant decline in new daily cases since the beginning of April, numbers are still very high and ICUs remain under great pressure province-wide. More and more Elgin County residents are receiving the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine; however, until we are all fully vaccinated, it is important that we continue to adhere to public health guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

In accordance with provincial regulations, Elgin County marinas, golf courses, soccer fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, baseball diamonds and skate parks remain closed to the public. Parking lots, washrooms, and piers are closed at all Elgin County municipally-owned beaches and residents are prohibited from gathering in large groups. Travelling outside of the region this weekend, to visit cottages or seasonal residences is strongly discouraged.

“Warm weather has returned to our area, just in time for us all to get a well-deserved break,” said Warden Tom Marks. “I understand as temperatures rise, how tempting it might be to take a trip to the beach this weekend; however, we must all refrain from activities that put us in close contact with those outside of our own households. I encourage residents to find safe ways to relax and spend time outdoors this weekend. Stay home and stay safe!”

For more information about public health protocols, provincial restrictions, vaccinations, and local COVID-19 numbers visit <https://www.swpublichealth.ca/en/index.aspx>

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