

Q: How is COVID-19 affecting Police Operations in Chatham-Kent?

A: We are asking members of the public to refrain from attending any police facilities unless absolutely necessary. If you must attend, you will be subject to screening questions related to COVID-19 health risks.

If you require an officer to attend your location for a non-emergency incident, you will be asked screening questions related to COVID-19 health risks, over the telephone, before an officer is dispatched.

In an emergency, officers will respond, however you may see them wearing personal protective equipment, such as gloves and masks, for their own protection, if the situation is unknown. CKPS members are properly trained in using PPE. Healthy people do not need to wear gloves and masks. For more info on when & how to wear a mask, please see <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet/factsheet-covid-19-how-to-wear-mask.pdf?la=en>

We continue to monitor this situation, as it remains fluid and dynamic. Please understand that these precautions have been implemented for the protection of our members and public.

In this time of uncertainty, it's important that everyone remain calm and rely on credible sources for information.

Q: How can I apply for a Background Check?

A: Everything is now done on-line, even payment. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not attend police headquarters, call 519-436-6600 extension #221 <http://www.policelutions.ca/checks/services/chathamkent/>

Q: How can I report Crime Online?

A: If you've been the victim of a theft from vehicle, theft under \$5000, lost property, mischief to vehicle / property, lost / stolen license plates - you may report these on-line at <https://ckpolice.com/online-crime-reporting/>

Q: Is the Collision Reporting Centre still open?

A: The Collision Reporting Centre remains open, however in an effort to be socially responsible, members of the public are asked to call [519-355-1937](tel:519-355-1937) and speak with CRC staff before attending police headquarters.

Q: What if I need to attend the Courthouse?

A: The Ontario Court of Justice is limiting access to Courthouses. You may only attend for:

- Urgent criminal and family matters
- Urgent or essential criminal intake court
- Filing urgent court documents

For matters that don't fit into these situations, please see <https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/covid-19/> for more information.

Q: How do I know if a workplace is considered an essential service that can stay open under the Provincial Emergency Order?

A: It is not the role of CKPS to interpret the Provincial list of essential businesses. A list of essential services can be found online. Businesses who have questions about closures of at-risk workplaces or how emergency measures impact their business or employment can call the Stop the Spread Business Information Line at 1-888-444-3659 or <https://www.ontario.ca/page/list-essential-workplaces>

CK Public Health has made a full list of closures available at www.ckpublichealth.com/closures

Q: How do I report a non-essential business that is still open in Chatham-Kent?

A: If you have concerns about businesses and/or individuals who are not following COVID-19 related orders in Chatham-Kent, please contact the Municipality at 519-360-1998, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or email Covid19enforcement@chatham-kent.ca

Q: What can people or businesses be charged with if they contravene an order under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA)?

A: The offenses put in place by the Ontario Government which may be enforced under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA) are as follows:

- Failure to comply with an order made during a declared emergency - **Set Fine \$750**
- Obstruction of person exercising or performing a power in accordance with an order made during a declared emergency - **Set Fine \$1,000**
- Corporations - **Set Fine \$500,000**

The Order also requires those who are being charged with an offence under EMCPA to identify themselves to provincial offences officers, which includes police officers, First Nations constables, Special Constables and Municipal by-law enforcement officers. This requirement is the same authority contained in other legislation, such as Highway Traffic Act and Trespass to Property Act.

Failing to identify yourself carries a fine of \$750 for failure to comply with an order made under the EMCPA or \$1,000 for obstructing any person in exercising a power if a provincial offences officer issues a ticket. In addition, failure to comply with an emergency order could carry punishments of up to one-year imprisonment or a fine of up to \$100,000 for an individual, \$500,000 for a director of a corporation, or \$10,000,000 for a corporation itself if a provincial offences officer charges the individual by issuing a summons. These penalties apply in addition to the penalties for breaching other emergency orders.

Q: What is the Quarantine Act?

A: Any traveller, except 'essential workers' returning home to Canada **MUST** go into mandatory [self-isolation](https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/q-1.1/FullText.html) for 14 days. More information can be found at <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/q-1.1/FullText.html>

Q: What are the penalties for contravening the Quarantine Act?

A: Maximum penalties include a fine of up to \$750,000 and/or imprisonment for six months.

Further, a person who causes a risk of imminent death or serious bodily harm to another person while willfully or recklessly contravening this Act or the regulations could be liable for a fine of up to \$1,000,000 or imprisonment of up to three years, or both.

Q: How is the Quarantine Act being enforced?

A: Spot checks will be conducted by the Government of Canada to verify compliance. Screening / quarantine officers may direct peace officers to provide assistance if / when necessary.

Q: Can I still walk my dog through the park?

A: All playgrounds, picnic areas, basketball & tennis courts, outdoor exercise equipment, dog parks, sports fields, BMX/skate parks and beaches are now closed. You may still use the green space within the park or trails to walk your dog, as long as you keep at least 2 metres between yourself and others.

Individuals with questions about Municipal closures may call 519-360-1998, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or email Covid19enforcement@chatham-kent.ca

In addition to social distancing, please wash your hands before and after, avoid touching your face, cough/sneeze into your elbow/sleeve if going out.

Q: What if I see kids playing on playground equipment?

A: If you have concerns about the use of public playgrounds in Chatham-Kent, please contact the Municipality at 519-360-1998, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or email Covid19enforcement@chatham-kent.ca

Q: How do I report the price gauging of essential items?

A: The Government of Ontario wants to protect consumers from being exploited during this health crisis. If you suspect, a business or person is price gouging essential items, please report them at <https://www.ontario.ca/form/report-price-gouging-related-covid-19>

Q: Are there any exemptions to the 5 person gatherings?

A: There are exemptions for the gathering of members in a single household, funeral gatherings of up to 10 people and childcare centers for children of essential workers.

If you have concerns about social gatherings of more than five people, please contact the Municipality at 519-360-1998, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or email Covid19enforcement@chatham-kent.ca