



Message from the Mayor  
Mayor Allan Mayhew  
Municipality of Southwest Middlesex

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As we enter our fifth week of preventative restrictions to address the COVID-19 pandemic, I want to thank all of you for doing your part to stop the spread. The message has been clear – **stay home to save lives.**

It is critical to continue to stay home and keep a distance of 2 metres between yourself and anyone outside of your immediate family. We all need to continue to maintain physical distancing, and self-isolation. For those that are not self-isolating or quarantined, make sure to plan ahead for food, household supplies, and medication, so that you are limiting trips for essential goods only. Be sure to keep washing your hands and avoid touching your face. Keep up with the current recommendations from Public Health in regard to wearing masks, and practice respiratory etiquette by sneezing or coughing into your elbow.



I want to thank all of the people that are continuing to work to provide essential services to our communities. The people who work in health care and social services, in nursing homes and retirement homes, we appreciate the comfort you give to those that we love. The grocery stores, variety stores, and pharmacies, restaurant workers providing take-out and delivery services deserve our praise. We are thankful to those in the agriculture and food production businesses, and the truck drivers bringing these goods to markets. Our front-line workers and first responders deserve our praise and gratitude. We are grateful to the police, emergency medical services, and our volunteer fire department, and those keeping our water and roads safe.

Council took the step on March 18, 2020 to waive interest charges on tax and water bills. This will provide some flexibility for residents and customers to prioritize their expenses at a time when funds may be short. What this means is that if you choose not to pay your water and/or tax bill on the due date, there will be no additional expense to you for the delay. This measure is in place until one month following the end of the emergency order.

Our website has a list of available municipal services on a page dedicated to COVID-19 information. The page includes links to the Middlesex-London Health Unit, emergency financial

support from other levels of government, and emergency food support. If you have not already had the opportunity to review, please find it [here](#).

Together we can all do our part. Thanks for all you are doing.

Stay safe, stay vigilant, and stay home.



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