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For Immediate Release

The Municipality of Centre Hastings wishes to share some important messaging with you in addition to wishing everyone a happy New Year.

In light of the new public health measures released by the Government of Ontario today and the return to a modified step 2 of the *Roadmap to Reopen*, the Municipality of Centre Hastings are taking the following measures effective January 4th to January 26th 2022:

1. The Municipal Office (7 Furnace Street) will only be **open for pre-booked appointments**. Staff will still be available to assist you by telephone or email, and many services can be accessed via our website. Meeting spaces continue to be permitted for **government services** as per O.REG 263/20, namely the Council Chambers
2. Madoc and District Recreation Centre (Madoc Arena) will be closed to the Public
3. Municipal Halls and Community Centres must follow public health guidelines and as a result any bookings will be strictly limited to specific activities and are not being encouraged during this time.

Municipal Services such as **garbage collection, waste management, roads maintenance, water and wastewater services** etc. will operate as normal.

Payments may still be made in person via the drop box at 7 Furnace Street. For a full list of payment options, please visit the [Finance](http://centrehastings.com/municipal/finance) page (centrehastings.com/municipal/finance).

We urge you all to read the new measures presented by the Government of Ontario (<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/public-health-measures>). These measures include many new restrictions including switching schools to online learning, limiting indoor social gatherings to a maximum of 5 people and outdoor gatherings to a maximum of 10, restricting the capacity of retail stores to 50% and closing indoor dining establishments. We know these new measures will have a big impact on all of you, but we thank you in advance for your cooperation and diligence in following them to keep our whole community safe.

We remind you all to maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet whenever possible, wear a mask, get your COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters, wash your hands frequently and restrict your activities to only include essential items.

Council and Staff at the Municipality of Centre Hastings apologize for any inconvenience these measures may cause and thank you all for your cooperation.