

Hi all

We have been told that there are a lot of people asking the Steering Committees about the re-start of in-person classes and Rituals.

We understand everyone's frustration....we certainly are feeling it as well. We miss sharing our worship of our Gods and the celebrations of the turning of the wheel.

For the Toronto Temple, we have just been informed that the U of T Multi Faith Centre will not be opening until September. This may be extended if the Covid-19 situation changes.

For the Hamilton Temple, this is dependent on our Landlord also – Hamilton's location is on the second floor of a small building, which also houses a couple of residences as well as a coffee house on the main floor. Guidance provided by the Government of Ontario has a restriction of 30% of a building capacity which would be shared with the other tenants. This would severely limit the number of attendees.

For the Windsor Temple, Kati is also monitoring the situation as she personally hosts their Rituals/Classes.

So, what options are open to us? It has been suggested that we could meet in various parks in the city, where there are designated "picnic areas" or covered areas in case of rain. We would be limited to 10 people attending – if we have staff (Summoner, Handmaiden, Priest and Priestess) then we could only have 6 attendees at Ritual. The logistics of this scenario would be difficult – assigning who could and could not attend or turning people away if too many show up, as well as arriving at the park early in the morning to secure the spot as families start to explore their options. Some parks require permits and these are not being issued at this time.

What can we do? We can encourage individuals to get out of the house and be in nature. Encourage people to go for walks in the park (following social distancing guidelines). Find a tree to sit under and meditate, breath the fresh air, feel the sun on your face, feel the energies of the living things all around you. Talk to your Gods. Let the world of nature inspire you to create.

We are all suffering under the restrictions imposed on us, but it is so important that our community stay healthy and safe. The Gods walk with us every day, all day, so we are never alone. Our community friends and family will soon be able to get together in person to share in the love of our Gods and the beauty of nature.

I've attached some websites that provide guidelines to our situation in Ontario. We will keep monitoring the situation and as soon as we can, we will be together to share in our worship.

Zoom classes and community get togethers are still running.

Blessed Be

Janice and Ross

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## **Places of worship**

Faith is a source of comfort and an important aspect of the lives of many people across Ontario. To support places of worship to reopen across the province and help to ensure the safety of worshippers, the government will make available guidance, including limiting attendance to 30 per cent of building capacity and practicing physical distancing. Guidance will also be provided for spiritual leaders and their staff.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/framework-reopening-our-province-stage-2#section-2>

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## **Public and social gatherings**

Regardless of where you live in Ontario, social gathering limits will be expanded to up to 10 people. People must still practice physical distancing, by keeping at least two metres away from others outside of their direct household. This change to social gathering size will apply to people across the province, regardless of whether their region has moved into Stage 2.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/framework-reopening-our-province-stage-2#section-1>

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#### Facilities and Services

We are actively working to gradually open as many facilities and services as possible for this season. There will be parks, facilities and services that may not be offered until later this season and some that will not open this season at all. Safety of our visitors and staff is always our top priority. We will be continually assessing our approach and may need to adjust facilities and services available depending on ongoing public health advice.

Here is what is not yet ready, but may become available this season:

- [roofed accommodations](#)
- playgrounds/sports fields
- visitor centres
- PARKsmart PFD loaning program (please bring your own PFD to the park)
- Park stores
- The OFAH Tackleshare program
- Equipment rentals such as canoes and bikes. (visitors may be required to supply their own PFD / helmet if required by the activity)

Here is what will not be available this season:

- showers
- laundry facilities
- group camping
- [picnic shelter rentals](#)
- Swimming pools
- The Learn to Camp program
- The Learn to Fish program
- Festivals and large events

<https://www.ontarioparks.com/covid19/facilitiesandservices>

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## City of Toronto update on COVID-19

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News Release

June 25, 2020

The City of Toronto continues to respond to COVID-19. Torontonians are reminded to continue adhering to Toronto Public Health's advice to wash their hands often, stay within their social circle of no more than 10 people, practise physical distancing, or wear a face covering or non-medical mask to protect others when in settings where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

There are 14,094 cases of COVID-19 in the city, an increase of 65 cases since yesterday. There are 249 people hospitalized, with 62 in ICU. In total 12,127 people have recovered from COVID-19, an increase of 66 cases since yesterday. To date, there have been 1,070 COVID-19 deaths in Toronto. Case status data can be found on the [City's reporting platform](#).

Provincial *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* orders, the City bylaw on physical distancing, and laws prohibiting consumption of alcohol on City property and in unlicensed public areas remain in effect. With the warm weather, the City's beaches are seeing very high volumes of beach-goers. At many beaches, littering, bonfires, alcohol consumption and public intoxication, and individuals not practising physical distancing are recurring problems. Individuals visiting beaches and parks should use litter bins provided, leave alcohol at home, and, if a park or beach is too busy to safely practise physical distancing, come back later or head to an alternate location.

The COVID-19 enforcement team continues to patrol parks and beaches, particularly problem areas, with a focus on providing education. Yesterday, the City received 83 complaints related to parks use and physical distancing. Officers have spoken to or cautioned more than 6,500 people this month. Bylaw officers issued 11 tickets yesterday in City parks or squares.

<https://www.toronto.ca/news/city-of-toronto-update-on-covid-19-48/>

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Hamilton Public Health strongly recommends keeping at least 2m or 6ft of physical distance between themselves and others at all times. Physical distancing is important, even outdoors.

- **Effective Friday June 19, public beaches in Hamilton are open.**
- **City play structures remain closed until further notice.**
- **Parks and greenspaces are open.** Do not gather in groups of than more than 10. Some bathrooms and port-o-lets in parks are open.
- **Albion Falls is closed to visitors.** Parking lots, viewing platforms and areas are closed. Residents are requested not to congregate at Albion Falls.

<https://www.hamilton.ca/parks-recreation/parks-trails-and-beaches>