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Dear Friends,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful weekend and **Happy Mother's Day** to all who celebrated, even from afar.

As we get ready to slowly open our doors once again, it is imperative that we **maintain our social distancing** and not forget the safety measures we have in place. Businesses are strongly encouraged to prepare as best they can for their recovery.

Many families tell me they are **struggling with learning at home**, trying to work as well as educate their children. Some are concerned about their children falling behind, or not keeping up.

That is why I am pleased to offer another **Online Town Hall** where **YOU** can join and hear from the Minister of Education. **On May 13th, the Minister will make himself available to speak directly with the residents of Richmond Hill and answer YOUR questions.** Please register by emailing daisy.waico@pc.ola.org. I hope to see you there!

Know that **the Government is here to support you!** We will get through this together. Reach out to me if I can be of assistance to you at 905-884-8080 or daisy.waico@pc.ola.org.

Stay safe and be well,

Sincerely,

Daisy Wai, MPP
Richmond Hill

ONLY TWO MORE DAYS LEFT TO REGISTER!

On-Line Town Hall: Date: May 13, 2020

Time: 11:00am to Noon

RICHMOND HILL ON-LINE TOWN HALL



Hosted by
Daisy Wai, MPP
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**GET THE EDUCATION
UPDATES & INFORMATION
ON “LEARNING-AT-HOME”**



Speaker

Minister of Education

Date

May 13, 2020

Time

11:00am to noon



Have a question for the Minister?

REGISTER NOW!

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/103981696052>

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DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY!

REGISTER NOW!

Spaces Limited! First Come First Served!

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/tele-town-hall-with-mpp-wai-and-mpp-stephen-lecce-minister-of-education-registration-103981696052?aff=erelexpmlt>

Include Your Input to the Plan for Economic Recovery

TAKE THE ON-LINE SURVEY

The government made a commitment to be open, transparent and to consult with Ontarians throughout this pandemic. **Together, we will put Ontario back on track.** The government wants to hear directly from people, businesses and organizations to help inform the reopening of our province and to set Ontario up for success once it's safe to lift restrictions following COVID-19.

The online survey seeks feedback on the impacts of COVID-19 on personal finances, business supports, and government relief measures. This is **YOUR** opportunity to let the government know the economic impact that COVID-19 is having on **you**, **your** business and **your** community.

The online survey only takes 5-10 minutes and your input will help to develop a plan for economic recovery. **Take the online survey now. Visit: -**

<https://ontario.ca/form/survey-economic-impacts-covid-19> #COVID19 #JobsAndRecovery

Survey: Economic impacts of COVID-19
We want to hear about the economic impacts that the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak is having on your business and your community. Your feedback will help us develop a plan for economic recovery.
Closing date: June 12, 2020
This survey should take around 5 - 10 minutes to complete.

Section 1: COVID-19 impacts

1. How has the COVID-19 outbreak impacted your personal finances or source of income? Choose all that apply.

- I lost my job or main source of income on a temporary basis (I was laid off)
- I lost my job or main source of income on a permanent basis
- I am concerned about losing my job or main source of income in the next few weeks if nothing changes
- I am unable to meet financial obligations, such as rent or mortgage payments
- I am using my savings to meet needs, such as groceries, electricity, etc.
- My work was not affected
- My finances were not affected
- I have seen a positive impact, such as a raise or a new job
- Other

2. How has the public health response to COVID-19 (for example, physical distancing, closing non-essential businesses or other emergency orders) affected your workplace, business or organization? Choose all that apply.

- One or more employees were laid off
- One or more employees will likely be laid off in the next few weeks if nothing changes
- We had to delay major expansions and/or capital investments
- We were temporarily shut down
- We were permanently shut down

BUSINESSES START TO REOPEN SAFELY



The government is allowing all retail stores with a street entrance to provide curbside pick-up and delivery, as well as in-store payment and purchases at garden centres, nurseries, hardware stores and safety supply stores. The business owners should review the health and safety guidelines developed by the province and its health and safety association partners.

In addition to easing restrictions on retail, the government is also expanding essential construction to include construction projects like apartments and condominiums to begin and for existing above-grade projects to continue. This will help clear the way for the housing and jobs our economy will need to support economic recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak.

NATIONAL NURSING WEEK!



May 11th -17th is National Nursing Week. The theme this year is Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Nursing the World to Health. The World Health Organization (WHO) has designated 2020 as the Year of the Nurse and Midwife in honour of the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. To join in on celebrating these healthcare heroes, check out: <https://cna-aiic.ca/en/news-room/events/national-nursing-week#sthash.HvileVBv.dpuf>

Pandemic Pay: COMPENSATING THE HEROES OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS

Supporting Ontario's frontline heroes

\$4 more per hr worked + \$250 more per month



The temporary pandemic pay is a targeted program designed to support employees who work in congregate care settings or primarily with vulnerable populations. Workers who may be eligible should visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-temporary-pandemic-pay>

For Eligible Workers: You do NOT have to file any sort of application or complete a process to receive the payment; the last thing we want to do is overburden you for your efforts. The pay increases will be automatically. Keep up the great work!

WE HAVE EXPANDED VIRTUAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AMIDST COVID-19

Find out if internet-based cognitive behavioural therapy (iCBT) is right for you



At <https://www.ontario.ca/coronavirus>, people can find information about the different virtual mental health and wellness options that meet their unique needs, including online therapy.

Interested In Pursuing Education In Life Sciences? **THE 2020 LIFE SCIENCES ONTARIO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IS NOW OPEN!**

This year, 37 undergraduate university and college students will receive financial support that will aid them with their academic fees and most importantly, receive a unique opportunity to be mentored by experienced professionals, all working to combat COVID-19 and advance the future of the life sciences sector. The mentoring aspect of this program will allow students to build strong connections, be exposed to and learn about the endless opportunities in the life science sector and provides evidence-based guidance as they map their future career path.



To Apply/Learn More: <https://lifesciencesontario.ca/scholarship/>

CELEBRATING ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH



The month of May is Asian Heritage Month! As a proud Canadian of Asian background I can attest firsthand to how well Ontarians share cultural values such as the importance of family, hard work and supporting those in your community. I'm proud to embody those values and stand among the many Asian-Canadians that have contributed to the building of our province's prosperity and livability. Throughout this month, let us celebrate, reflect and share the achievements of Canadians of Asian descent with #AsianHeritageMonth

Fun While Quarantining Richmond Hill Style!

With the State Of Emergency being extended until May 19th, you probably have some free time to do more things at home. Richmond Hill is continuing to build its library of activities

- Try an **off-ice workout** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJAskvw2MpE&feature=youtu.be>)
- Rejuvenate your mind and body with some at home **Yoga** (<https://watch?v=imD6evn3fgA&feature=youtu.be>) or a **Yoga Flow** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uD7uPJWQM5Y&feature=youtu.be>)
- Try some **upper body** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bfsn-Ml9rPw&feature=youtu.be>) and **lower body stretches** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bysLvlxrZ9U&feature=youtu.be>) while taking breaks from your screen
- Have a **camping staycation** with our Tent Series (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bKlf570Me4&feature=youtu.be>)
- Play a continuous game of “**the floor is lava.**” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKvuVt9hjZs&feature=youtu.be>)
- Become an **archaeologist with a cookie!** (<https://www.richmondhill.ca/en/things-to-do/resources/Active-at-Home---Cookie-Achaeology.pdf>)
- Let your preschooler get used to the water with some **bathtub swimming practice** (https://trca.ca/event/the-magic-of-rain-barrels/?instance_id=5343)
- Learn to **harvest rainwater in a webinar** on Thursday, May 7. (https://trca.ca/event/the-magic-of-rain-barrels/?instance_id=5343)

For the **full list** of activities and more, visit <https://www.RichmondHill.ca/StayHome>.

Is there an activity or skill you would like to learn? Send an email to our recreation and culture coordinators at recreation@richmondhill.ca.

FOR MAY, EVERY WEDNESDAY IS #TakeOutWednesdayON!

The #TakeoutWednesdayON campaign is a great way to generate needed business for local restaurants; show support for some of our hardworking entrepreneurs; and for all of us to come together. It's the tastiest way to show your Ontario-Spirit!

For Ontarians that call Richmond Hill home, everyone should know we even have a brand new website dedicated to finding the best takeout options exclusive for our area. Made by a community organization that has played a pivotal role in growing our local economy for several years, the Richmond Hill Board Of Trade, there's countless places for you to pick out where to pick up from!

<https://www.shoplocalrichmondhill.ca/>

