



March 20, 2020

RE: Provincial Offences Administration – Preparing for COVID-19

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

As the COVID-19 situation continues to develop, Elgin County is committed to doing our part in helping to slow the spread of the virus in our communities. We also know that this situation changes on an hourly basis and the impacts could be realized for weeks, even months.

In an effort to adhere to social distancing guidelines and to protect the health and safety of our staff and members of the public, Elgin County is implementing a number of guidelines for the Provincial Offences Administration Building:

- Effective immediately, the Provincial Offences Administration Building is CLOSED to the public. Please call 519-631-1460 x300 or email poa@elgin.ca for assistance – we're here to help!
- All court proceedings between March 16, 2020 – April 3, 2020 have been adjourned.
- Notifications have been sent to individuals with scheduled court dates. If you have not received a notification please call to obtain your new court date, you do not need to attend court between March 16, 2020 – April 3, 2020.
- We have alternate payment arrangements rather than in person; Online: www.paytickets.ca by phone: 519-631-1460 x300 by mail: POA 480 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas, ON N5R 0J5 or by putting it in the drop box located at 450 Sunset Drive – please use an envelope and leave a phone number to confirm receipt - do not leave cash in the drop box.
- Timelines have been extended by s85 Order by the Chief Justice and until April 23, 2020. This means there will be no convictions or new enforcement proceedings and you do not need to make payments or file documents until after this date, when the timelines will commence.

Stay healthy and safe,

Julie Gonyou | Chief Administrative Officer