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Beachgoers are Reminded to Remain Vigilant

COUNTY OF ELGIN – The County of Elgin and the Municipality of Lambton Shores opened their beaches to the public on June 22, 2020. After a weekend of warm, sunny weather residents and visitors are commended for their cooperation and adherence to social distancing measures implemented at beaches in the region.

“Going to the beach is one of the most anticipated summer activities and the beaches in southwestern Ontario are some of the best,” said Elgin County Warden Dave Mennill. “We are pleased that municipalities have been able to coordinate efforts to implement safety measures as recommended by public health that have allowed beaches to open in time for Canada Day.” Lambton Shores Mayor Bill Weber echoes those comments and notes that while there have been isolated cases of beach users “behaving poorly”, the vast majority of people appreciate the value of our beaches and respect the rules.”

Beachgoers are reminded to remain vigilant as the summer progresses to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the community. Regular hand washing and sanitizing, keeping adequate space between groups, gatherings of less than 10 people, and limiting time at the beach to prevent overcrowding will ensure a safe and pleasant experience for all beach users.

As long as social distancing measures can be adhered to, beaches will remain open to the public; however, if the beach-going experience becomes a risk to public health, beaches will need to be closed to public access. The health and safety of residents and visitors remains the number one priority of the County of Elgin and the Municipality of Lambton Shores.

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