

everyone has an active role to play

Given the evolving situation with coronavirus/covid-19, Habitat Brant-Norfolk recognizes everyone has an active role to play. This is an update to let you know what we're doing to actively 'flatten the curve' of community spread. We also recognize practicing prevention is a key way we can all build strength and stability in our community.

Currently, Habitat Canada has created a COVID-19 Response Team to manage our planning and to monitor developments to determine how they will impact our operation. Habitat for Humanity Brant-Norfolk is one of 54 affiliates across Canada. At this time, we will maintain most operations and will update our volunteers, staff and community of any changes.

Below are further details and you are encouraged to contact our office should you have any questions.

- Affiliate Staff and ReStore staff will continue to perform their respective duties and attend their shifts, as per direction from their manager.
- We are suspending all Volunteer shifts (including ReStore, Build and Committees) until April 5th to coincide with the closure of publicly funded schools.
- Community pick-ups and deliveries via our ReStore truck will be postponed as of Monday, March 16.
- ReStores will continue to accept donations at both of our locations in Brantford and Simcoe.
- All staff are practicing increased personal protective measures and increased personal distancing.
- We are implementing the advice and guidance from local public health experts to maintain due diligence in our Health and Safety practices including: hourly wipe downs of common hard surfaces and touch areas; access to hand washing stations; and we encourage others to practice increased personal distancing (2 metre spread).

Health and Safety has always been a top priority and an essential part of our operations at Habitat for Humanity Brant-Norfolk. Our knowledgeable and trained staff will continue to practice due diligence. We are an organization who cares and is dedicated to the well-being of our community. We know many of you may be concerned and perhaps confused by the information being shared about Coronavirus/Covid-19. YOU can make a difference and have a role to play.

For your reference, here are some additional links and resources:

[WHO - Critical preparedness, readiness and response](#)
[Coronavirus: how to keep things in perspective](#)

[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)
[Government of Canada](#)
[Ontario Public Health](#)