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## King returns to in-person service on Jan. 31

**King City, Ont.**— The Township of King will return to in-person service, restoring fitness and sports programs, reopening the King Township Municipal Centre to counter service and reopening the King Heritage and Cultural Centre when the Provincial Health Direction is lifted starting Monday, Jan. 31.

On Jan. 5, 2022, the Township closed facilities, programs and services to comply with the Provincial Health Direction put in place to blunt an increasing number of COVID-19 cases.

The Province announced on Jan. 20 that starting Jan. 31, 2022, sports and fitness facilities and museums can reopen and the direction to non-essential workers to work remotely is lifted. This is part of a three-phased, reopening strategy.

The full list of Provincial Health Directions can be found [here](#).

### Fitness centre and programs

King Township is making it a priority to reopen its indoor ice, curling and fitness activities starting Jan. 31, including:

- Indoor ice surfaces
- Curling
- Fitness centre and classes
- King Heritage and Cultural Centre

Fitness centre usage and fitness classes require pre-registration due to capacity limitations. COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place and proof of vaccination will be required.

Virtual programming opportunities will continue to be offered. Outdoor rinks will continue to operate, weather-permitting.

For information about recreation in King, visit [www.king.ca/recreation](http://www.king.ca/recreation). The King Township Public Library remains open at reduced capacity. Visit [www.kinglibrary.ca](http://www.kinglibrary.ca)

ServiceKING will be available in person at the King Township Municipal Centre starting Jan. 31. Residents can also conduct business with King online, by phone or by email. Visit [www.king.ca/service](http://www.king.ca/service), call the Township at 905-833-5321 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) or email [serviceking@king.ca](mailto:serviceking@king.ca).

### Provincial restrictions lifted starting Jan. 31

Effective January 31, 2022, at 12:01 a.m. Ontario will begin the process of gradually easing restrictions, while maintaining protective measures, including but not limited to:

- Increasing social gathering limits to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors

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- Increasing or maintaining capacity limits at 50 per cent in indoor public settings, including but not limited to:
  - Restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments without dance facilities
  - Retailers (including grocery stores and pharmacies)
  - Shopping malls
  - Non-spectator areas of sports and recreational fitness facilities, including gyms
  - Cinemas
  - Meeting and event spaces
  - Recreational amenities and amusement parks, including water parks
  - Museums, galleries, aquariums, zoos and similar attractions
  - Casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establishments
  - Religious services, rites, or ceremonies
  - Allowing spectator areas of facilities such as sporting events, concert venues and theatres to operate at 50 per cent seated capacity or 500 people, whichever is less.

For more information, visit [Ontario Outlines Steps to Cautiously and Gradually Ease Public Health Measures](#).

### Quote

#### Mayor Steve Pellegrini

“We’re happy to welcome back our residents after the recent pause to in-person services. Residents can continue to do business with us online, by phone or through email. During the pause we continued to provide services to our community, including getting our outdoor skating rinks up and running. I’d encourage people to use the rinks or head to Cold Creek Conservation Area for healthy, outdoor fun.”

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