



For Immediate Release

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**Town of Gananoque
COVID-19 during Easter Weekend Holiday**

The Town of Gananoque and Gananoque Police Department are reminding residents that the gathering of more than 5 people is illegal in Ontario as Easter Weekend brings about the first of social gatherings, religious and other faith-based celebrations in April.

Under the provincial State of Emergency declaration, events of more than five people are prohibited, including parades, weddings, social gatherings and communal services within places of worship. This also includes gatherings for Easter Egg hunts. Gananoque Trails remain open for citizens to use in a responsible manner. Health officials encourage fresh air and exercise during the Pandemic, however the public must use precautions including social-distancing.

Local Churches in Gananoque are finding other means to celebrate and worship during this time of Passover and Easter. Some will be offering livestream services. Please check with the individual church's website or Facebook pages for further details.

Earlier this week, Premier Ford deemed the Easter Bunny and Tooth Fairy as "essential workers" and asked families to do their best to enjoy the holiday.

Residents organizing or attending gatherings of more than 5 people may be charged under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. Gananoque Police Service will be charging residents who do not abide by this law.

"These are difficult times when we would normally encourage gatherings of families and friends." stated Mayor Lojko, "COVID-19 is changing how we celebrate and connect with our families via livestream, texting, Facebook and other sources"

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Gananoque wish to encourage families to continue to celebrate with the families that they live with. Stay safe.

Gananoque ...Protect Yourself & Those Around You: COVID-19...Let's all do our part.

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