

## COVID-19 Update

We encourage tenants to continue to follow the advice from Public Health and practice social distancing, handwashing and wearing a mask in public places.

Additional information can be found on the Public Health website at [publichealthontario.ca](http://publichealthontario.ca).



## Facebook Page

Did you know that Grey County Housing has a Facebook page? You can find it here: [facebook.com/greycountyhousing](https://facebook.com/greycountyhousing)

## Grey County Housing Staff Available

In an effort to control the spread of COVID-19, the Grey County Administration Building is currently closed to the public. Housing staff area always available to help and can be reached at 519-376-5744.

Maintenance issues can be reported by completing a maintenance request form, or sending an email to [housingrepairs@grey.ca](mailto:housingrepairs@grey.ca). If there is an emergency after hours, such as a flood, fire, lockout, plumbing or electrical issue, please call the housing after hours line.

Phone: 519-376-5744

Fax: 519-376-0445 – does anyone actually monitor the fax 24/7?

Email: [housing@grey.ca](mailto:housing@grey.ca)

## Tenant Meeting Information

Since tenant meetings were unable to take place due to COVID-19 restrictions, a tenant information package was created and distributed. In these packages, we gave tenants the opportunity to tell us how they “Colour It Home” and also ask any questions using the “Question Form”. We will be contacting tenants who had questions and will be addressing these on an individual basis.

As mentioned, anyone who submitted a “Colour It Home” comment/suggestion will be entered into a draw for a gift card. Two tenants will be chosen and contacted by the end of July.

## Keys/Fobs

Just a reminder that tenants are given two keys and one key fob at lease sign in. No additional keys will be provided unless there is a legitimate reason.

## Smoke Free Buildings

In 2014, all lease agreements signed with Grey County Housing were designated as smoke free and

smoking was restricted to outdoor areas at a minimum distance of nine meters or more. Smoking is NOT permitted in Grey County housing buildings unless tenants were previously granted a smoking unit prior to the policy changing in 2014.



## Protecting Wildlife

- There have been some reports of birds hitting windows. It is suggested that decals, stickers, masking tape or other objects could be placed in windows to help deter birds.
- One of the easiest and most effective ways to help wildlife is to preserve the environment and keep outside areas clear of debris, garbage, chemicals, and anything else that could hurt animals.
- Don't feed wild animals.
- Report any unusual behavior
- Education yourself on what to put in birdfeed's for the birds

tips below can help protect against the effects of hot weather this summer:

- Drink plenty of water even before you feel thirsty
- Wear loose, light-colored, breathable clothing
- Try to stay in the shade as much as possible
- Take cool showers or baths, or place cool, wet towels on yourself

## COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

In April we offered all tenants the opportunity to get their first COVID-19 vaccine in Grey County Housing buildings. With the positive response to the first clinics offered; second doses were offered in June to all Tenants.

While getting vaccination is voluntary, we strongly encourage all tenants to get the vaccine. This is a smart way to stay safe and protect your and those around you against COVID-19

If you have not been vaccinated and wish to do so, please contact Public Health or your local pharmacy to secure an appointment.

## Common Rooms Reopened

Common rooms have been reopened; however there are restrictions and guidelines that need to be followed when occupying the common room spaces.

- Follow the posted room capacity limit
- Wear a mask and use hand sanitizer
- Ensure physical distance of two meters (six feet) is maintained at all times
- Clean any furniture/chairs that you may have used during your time in the common room
- Do not eat food while in the common room

## Annual Unit Inspections

Annual unit inspections are required by law. Grey County Housing will begin scheduling the 2021 inspections with enhanced safety protocols in place.

Annual inspections help keep tenants safe by identifying unsafe unit conditions, property damage and more.

A 24-hour notice of entry will be given, and we ask all tenants who are home during inspections to wear a mask and keep a distance.

## Stay Healthy in Hot Weather

Hot weather can put your health at risk. Heat-related illness includes heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat fainting, heat rash and muscle cramps. Spending time in a cool space and following the

