

# WHAT'S OPEN AND CLOSED VICTORIA DAY?

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The May 2-4. It's a rite of passage, a time for us to usher in all of the joys of a Canadian summer — friends, sun, fun and, of course, cold beverages.

While this year's Victoria Day long weekend may be different from those in the past, it's still useful to know what's open and closed.

The stay-at-home order has been extended to June 2.

Here's our sneak peek at what's open and closed in York Region Victoria Day:

## OPEN

### • The Beer Store

Seventy-five locations across Ontario will be open Victoria Day.

### SERVICES

• **GO Transit** will operate on a Sunday schedule on Victoria Day, Monday, May 24. Visit [go-transit.com](http://go-transit.com) for more details



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• **YRT (York Region Transit)** will operate on a Sunday/holiday schedule on Victoria Day.

## CLOSED

### RETAIL

#### • LCBOs

All LCBO stores will be closed on Monday, May 24. Where permitted by local municipalities, some LCBO convenience outlets may observe their regular hours

of business on Victoria Day.

### SHOPPING MALLS

If you have your heart set on shopping Victoria Day, you will likely be disappointed.

**Upper Canada** — Upper Canada's essential stores and services as well as curbside and centralized pickup will be open Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23, but the mall will be closed Monday, May 24 for Victoria

Day. For live updates, please visit [uppercanadamall.com](http://uppercanadamall.com)

**Hillcrest Mall** — Richmond Hill's Hillcrest Mall will also be closed for Victoria Day. For more information, go to [hillcrestmall.ca](http://hillcrestmall.ca)

**Vaughan Mills** — Vaughan Mills will be open for in-store shopping on Victoria Day only if the current lockdown is lifted, otherwise it will remain closed except for curbside pickup, essential services, and takeout.

**Markville Mall** — Go to <https://www.cfshops.com/markville.html> for more information.

**Promenade** — The Promenade is open Monday, May 24, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. according to its website <https://www.promenade.ca/>

### CANADA POST

• Victoria Day is a holiday for Canada Post so mail may not be running. Canada Post runs on reduced hours on some holidays. You should verify with your lo-

cal Canada Post office for the exact holiday hours if you are working with any urgent mail delivery. However, post offices operated by the private sector will be open according to the hours of service of the host business.

### MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

• Most municipal buildings, including town and city offices will be closed for regular business on Victoria Day. In Vaughan, most facilities — including Vaughan City Hall and the Joint Operations Centre — remain closed until June 2021.

• Newmarket's Municipal Offices (395 Mulock Drive) are closed until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, email [info@newmarket.ca](mailto:info@newmarket.ca) or call 905-895-5193.

### BANKS

• Most banks are closed Monday.

TD Canada branches, for example, are closed on Sunday May 23 and Monday May 24. While all branches are closed on statutory holidays, you can still do your banking from home using EasyWeb or the TD app.



## Paramedic Services Week May 23- 29, 2021



## Public education is focus of Paramedic Services Week

The theme for Paramedic Services Week, May 23 to 29, is Paramedic as Educator – Citizen Ready, a message that demonstrates the important role that paramedics play as educators to the public, according to organizers.

As healthcare professionals, paramedics are often incorporating the best research into practice but the public doesn't always know why, states the Paramedic Chiefs of Canada (PCC). In efforts to help the public understand why simple steps taken can make the difference in many emergencies prior to help arriving, the Paramedic Chiefs of Canada is building on existing education and incorporating



new trending treatments for the public to be "citizen ready".

"The commitment of paramedics deserves to be celebrated every week of every year. But it is especially important at this moment, as we navigate our way through the COVID-19 pandemic. Paramedics put themselves at risk to serve the public every day. When most of us are running away from danger, they are running towards it.

This is even truer today with COVID-19," states the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) on its website.

The statement acknowledging Paramedic Services Week goes on to say; "All front-line health care professionals, emergency medical staff, first responders,

dispatchers, and members of the paramedic team deserve our thanks for their heroism in these most difficult circumstances."

Each weekday, from Monday to Friday of Paramedic Services Week, has been given a specific public education focus that is designed to prepare citizens for an emergency with topics that include activation of 911, control of bleeding, high performance CPR, opioid overdoses, and emergency preparedness. Saturday, May 29 is Paramedic Services Recognition Day, an opportunity for the public to get to know their local paramedics and emergency medical responders through special initiatives.

To find more details about the focus of the week, visit the Paramedic Chiefs of Canada website at [paramedicchiefs.ca/paramedic-services-week-2021](http://paramedicchiefs.ca/paramedic-services-week-2021).



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