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Free Wi-Fi Made Available Outside Most Lambton County Libraries Thursday, March 26, 2020

Wyoming, ON - Residents without access to internet are invited to access the free wireless internet available outside of most Lambton County Library locations.

While libraries remain closed until further notice due to efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19, the Library's Wi-Fi extends beyond the walls of several of its buildings, providing public access in many facilities' parking lot areas. The free Wi-Fi access is available from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 p.m.; however, please note that Wi-Fi signals may not be accessible at certain locations where parking spaces are at a significant distance from the library. For a full list of Lambton County Library locations, visit lclibrary.ca.

"Residents rely on our libraries for access to a number of services, including free wireless internet, that they may not otherwise have," said Lambton County Warden Bill Weber. "This is critical in rural areas of the County where access is limited, and particularly at a time when children are being encouraged to keep up on their school studies from home. We need to make available every resource that we have to provide for our community during these challenging times, including those without internet access."

The free Wi-Fi is available near most library buildings (proximity varies by location). The library's open Wi-Fi is named "COL Public" and does not require a password. A library card is not required to access the free wireless internet.

For those traveling to libraries by car, the County asks that you remain in your vehicle while using the internet to maintain a physical distance of 2 metres (6 feet) from others. The same recommendations on distance apply if you are walking, biking or using any other method of transportation to get to the library.

Learn more about social and physical distancing and the steps we can take to help prevent the community spread of COVID-19 on the Lambton Public Health website.

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In addition to free Wi-Fi, Lambton County Library has digital resources, virtual programs/services and more available to library cardholders to better accommodate patrons during library closures. Online services are available at lclibrary.ca, where residents can access eBooks, eAudiobooks, movies and more. For technical assistance with Lambton County Library's eServices please call 519-845-3324 ext. 5266, email librarytechhelp@county-lambton.on.ca or connect with the library on Facebook or Twitter.

For the most up to date information regarding COVID-19, please visit the <u>Lambton Public Health website</u> and the <u>Province of Ontario website</u>.

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