

# Provincewide Shutdown

December 21, 2020

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# Context: Provincewide Shutdown

- Based on the latest modelling data, cases are expected to continue to grow, with multiple models predicting rates of at least 1,500 cases per day for several weeks under current restrictions. Daily mortality is also increasing.
- There has been a significant reduction in people staying home, especially when compared to the Spring. Patterns also continue to show trends of people moving across public health unit regions.
- Escalating case counts have led to increasing hospitalization rates and capacity challenges in many large urban hospitals, which has resulted in new disruptions to scheduled surgeries and procedures.
  - Hospitalizations have increased by 72.9% over the past four weeks (leading up to Dec. 14) and the number of COVID-19 patients in ICU is above the 150-person threshold
  - Some hospitals have been directed to defer in-person care that is not time-sensitive to ensure surge capacity
- Public health and other experts have expressed significant concerns that the current transmission trends, combined with the potential high levels of mobility from social and consumer activity over the holiday period, could overwhelm health care and public health sector capacity in the new year.
- A provincewide shutdown will help interrupt or slow current community transmission, reduce mobility and allow our health care and public health systems that are reaching critical limits and to recover briefly and catch-up.
- The following slides outline sector-specific restrictions that will be put in place under the Provincewide Shutdown

# Overview: Timing and Geographical Application

When does the Provincewide Shutdown start?	Where, and how long, are the Provincewide Shutdown restrictions in effect?
<p>The restrictions start at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, December 26, 2020.</p>	<p>The restrictions are in effect <b>for all of Ontario</b> from Saturday, December 26, 2020 to Saturday, January 9, 2021.</p> <p>The restrictions would remain in effect from Saturday, January 9, 2021 to Saturday, January 23, 2021 for all 27 public health unit regions in Southern Ontario (refer to Appendix A).</p>

# **General Public Health and Workplace Safety Measures for all Businesses, Organizations and Facilities**

# General Public Health Measures for all Businesses, Organizations and Facilities

## Public Health Advice, Recommendations and Instructions

Businesses or organizations must operate in compliance with the advice, recommendations, and instructions of public health officials, including any advice, recommendations or instructions on physical distancing, cleaning or disinfecting, and working remotely. Check with your local public health unit for any additional advice, recommendations or instructions.

## Physical Distancing and Line Management

- Businesses or places must not permit patrons to line up inside the businesses or place, or to line up or congregate outside of the business or place unless they are maintaining a physical distance of at least two metres from other groups of persons and wearing a mask or face covering that covers their mouth, nose and chin unless they are entitled to an exception set out in the regulation.

## Screening

Businesses or organizations must operate in compliance with the advice, recommendations instructions issued by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health on screening individuals. This includes:

- Workplaces must screen any workers or essential visitors entering the work environment. See the [COVID-19 Screening Tool for Workplaces](#) for more information.

## Personal Protective Equipment including Eye Protection

Personal protective equipment that provides protection of the eyes, nose, and mouth, is required if a worker is required to come within 2 metres of another person who is not wearing a face covering and not separated by plexiglass or some other impermeable barrier.

## Capacity Limits

All businesses or facilities must limit capacity so that every member of the public is able to maintain two metres of physical distancing from every other person, and limit the number of people occupying any room that is open to the public to 50% capacity of the particular room. Some businesses or facilities have additional capacity restrictions that apply beyond the general capacity requirements.

All businesses or facilities that engage in retail sales to the public must post a sign in a location visible to the public that states the maximum capacity they are permitted to operate under.

Please Note:

- The maximum number of persons permitted in a business or facility that is operating at 50 per cent capacity is determined by taking the **total square metres** of floor space accessible to the public in the business or facility, not including shelving and store fixtures, dividing that number by 8 and rounding the result down to the nearest whole number.
- The maximum number of persons permitted in a business or facility that is operating at 25 per cent capacity is determined by taking the **total square metres** of floor space accessible to the public in the business or facility, not including shelving and store fixtures, dividing that number by 16 and rounding the result down to the nearest whole number.

# General Public Health Measures for all Businesses, Organizations and Facilities, continued

## **Cleaning and Disinfection**

Businesses or places that are open shall ensure that equipment, washrooms, locker rooms, change rooms, showers that are accessible to the public are cleaned and disinfected as frequently as is necessary to maintain a sanitary condition.

## **Face Coverings**

Businesses or organizations must ensure that masks or face coverings are worn by any person (including members of the public and workers) in the indoor area of the business or organization, with limited exceptions.

## **Safety Plans**

Requirement for all businesses open to prepare and make available a [COVID-19 safety plan](#). A copy of the plan shall be made available to any person for review upon request, and be posted where it would come to the attention of individuals working in or attending the business.

**Organized Public Events and Social Gatherings (including Religious Services, Rites or Ceremonies), Schools, Child Care, Post-Secondary Institutions and Day Camps**

# Organized Public Events, Social Gatherings, Religious Services, Rites and Ceremonies, Post-Secondary Institutions and Day Camps

<b>Events and gatherings</b>	<p><b>No indoor organized public events and social gatherings</b>, except with members of the same household (the people you live with). Individuals who live alone and single parents may consider having exclusive, close contact with another household to help reduce the negative impacts of social isolation</p> <p><b>Limit for outdoor organized public events and social gatherings</b>, must comply with public health advice on physical distancing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 people outdoors</li> </ul>
<b>Weddings, funerals and other religious services, rites or ceremonies</b>	<p><b>Weddings, funerals and other religious services, rites or ceremonies</b> where physical distancing can be maintained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 people indoors</li> <li>• 10 people outdoors</li> </ul> <p>Drive-in services, rites or ceremonies permitted, subject to certain conditions</p> <p>Virtual services permitted</p>
<b>Post-secondary institutions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-secondary institutions open for virtual instruction, with limited exceptions where in-person instruction is required (e.g., clinical training, trades). Subject to physical distancing with limited exceptions</li> <li>• In-person teaching (each instructional space at the institution at one time) and in-person examinations cannot exceed 10 persons, with limited exemptions for:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Diagnostic cardiac sonography and diagnostic medical sonography</li> <li>○ Diagnostic ultrasound</li> <li>○ Medical imaging</li> <li>○ Medical laboratory assistant and Medical laboratory technician</li> <li>○ Medical radiation technology</li> <li>○ Medicine</li> <li>○ Mental health and addictions services, including psychology services, social work services and counselling services</li> <li>○ Nursing</li> <li>○ Paramedic</li> <li>○ Personal support worker, supportive care worker, home care worker or a similar occupation</li> <li>○ Pharmacy/pharmacy technician</li> <li>○ Public health inspector, if the program is accredited by the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors</li> <li>○ Rehabilitation sciences (nutrition, speech language pathology, occupational science, and physiotherapy)</li> <li>○ Respiratory therapy</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Subject to additional requirements for in-person teaching that involves singing or the playing of brass or wind instruments</p>
<b>Day camps for children</b>	<b>Closed</b>



# Approach in Schools and Child Care

<b>Approach in Schools and Child Care</b>	
<b>Schools</b>	<p>The following approach will apply to publicly-funded and private elementary and secondary learning, with the exception of First Nation and federally-operated schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elementary and secondary school students at publicly-funded schools would participate in remote learning from January 4-January 8, 2021.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Publicly-funded schools and private schools in Northern public health regions would be permitted to resume in-person instruction on January 11, 2021 for both elementary and secondary schools</li> <li>○ For publicly-funded schools and private schools in all other PHU regions:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Elementary school students would return to in person learning on January 11, 2021</li> <li>▪ Secondary school students would continue learning remotely until January 25, 2021 and resume in-person learning on that date</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• During the applicable period, schools will be closed, except for the following exceptions:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For staff who are unable to deliver quality remote teaching, instruction or support to students from home</li> <li>○ To provide access for child care centers in schools</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Child care</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Child care will remain open</b> for the duration of the Provincewide Shutdown period. This includes child care offered in licensed centres, in home-based settings (licensed and unlicensed) and by authorized recreation and skill-building providers</li> <li>• During the period where elementary schools are operating virtually (i.e., from January 4 to 8, inclusive), licensed child care centres and authorized recreation and skill-building providers will be <b>prohibited from serving school-aged children</b>. All before and after school programs are being closed during this one-week period. These programs may resume operation when elementary schools return to in-person learning on January 11, 2021</li> <li>• To support the parents of school-aged children who may not be able to accommodate their child’s learning/care at home, the Ministry of Education will be implementing <b>a targeted emergency child care program</b> for school-aged children, at no cost to eligible parents. Please refer to Appendix B for a list of eligible workers</li> <li>• Operators of before and after school programs that are required to close from January 4-8, 2021 <b>are prohibited from charging fees or otherwise penalizing parents</b> during this time period (e.g., parents must not lose their respective child care spaces)</li> </ul>

# Businesses Permitted to Open and Sector Specific Public Health and Workplace Safety Measures: Refer to [O. Reg. 82/20](#)<sup>1</sup> for details

<sup>1</sup> The regulation that establishes the rules for the Provincewide Shutdown is [O. Reg. 82/20](#). Clicking on this link will take you to the most recent version of the consolidated regulation published on e-Laws. The e-Laws currency date appears at the top of the consolidated regulation. Proposed amendments to regulations do not appear on e-Laws. Amendments to regulations are initially published as “source law” on the e-Laws website.

# Businesses Permitted to Open and Sector Specific Restrictions

Sector	Businesses, organizations and services permitted to open under the Provincewide Shutdown and any sector-specific public health and workplace safety measures
<b>Supply chain</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Businesses that supply businesses or places that are permitted to open within Ontario, or that supply businesses or services that have been declared essential in a jurisdiction outside of Ontario, with the support, products, supplies, systems, or services, including processing, packaging, warehousing, distribution, delivery, and maintenance necessary to operate</li> </ul>
<b>Meeting or event space</b>	<p>Only permitted to open for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The operation of child care centres and authorized recreational and skill building programs within the meaning of the <i>Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014</i></li> <li>• Court services</li> <li>• Government services</li> <li>• Mental health and addictions support services (e.g., Alcoholics Anonymous) permitted to a maximum of 10 people</li> <li>• Social services</li> </ul> <p>Contact information recording required</p>
<b>Short-term rentals</b>	<p>Short-term rentals (e.g., cottages, cabins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only to be provided to individuals who are in need of housing</li> <li>• Does not apply to short-term rental accommodations that were reserved before the Safe at Home Restrictions period</li> </ul> <p>Refer to the Services section for details on motels, hotels, lodges, resorts and other shared rental accommodation, including student residences</p>

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<b>Restaurants, bars, and other food or drink establishments</b>	<p><b>Restaurants, bars and other or drink establishments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take out, drive through, and delivery permitted only</li> <li>• Includes the sale of alcohol</li> </ul>
<b>Driving instruction</b>	<p>In-person driving instruction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No in-person driving instruction permitted except:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For instruction for drivers of commercial motor vehicles</li> <li>○ Where the instruction is part of the Ontario Driver Certification Program administered by the Ministry of Transportation and involves the operation of motor vehicles for which:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A class of driver’s licence other than Class G, G1, G2, M, M1 or M2 is required</li> <li>▪ An air brake endorsement is required</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Or that is provided by a private career college, in accordance with certain conditions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Retailers</b>	<p><b>Supermarkets, convenience stores, indoor farmer’s markets and other stores that primarily sell food</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open for in-person retail, subject to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Members of the public being able to maintain two metres physical distance from every other person in the business or facility</li> <li>○ The number of persons occupying any room that is open to the public does not exceed 50% capacity of the particular room</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Curbside pick-up and delivery permitted</li> </ul> <p><b>Pharmacies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open for in-person retail, subject to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Members of the public being able to maintain two metres physical distance from every other person in the business or facility</li> <li>○ The number of persons occupying any room that is open to the public does not exceed 50% capacity of the particular room</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Curbside pick-up and delivery permitted</li> </ul>

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Retailers, continued	<p><b>Discount and big box retailers:</b> Discount and big box retailers that engage in retail sales to the public and meet the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sell groceries to the public</li> <li>• Limit the number of persons occupying any room that is open to the public in the business to not exceed 25% capacity of the particular room</li> <li>• Curbside pick-up and delivery permitted</li> </ul> <p><b>Safety supply stores, businesses that sell, rent or repair assistive/mobility/medical devices, and optical stores that sell prescription eyewear to the public:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By appointment only</li> <li>• Curbside pick-up and delivery permitted</li> </ul> <p><b>Stores that sell liquor, including beer, wine and spirits:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit the number of persons occupying any room that is open to the public in the business does not exceed 25% of the particular room</li> <li>• Curbside pick-up and delivery permitted</li> </ul> <p><b>Shopping malls:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed for in-person retail. Members of the public are only permitted to enter the mall to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Access businesses and organizations permitted to be open (e.g., pharmacy, dentist); food court open for take-away, or by appointment only to facilitate pick-up as set out below</li> <li>○ Access court services and government services</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Shopping mall may establish: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A single designated location inside the shopping mall for order pick-up by patrons. Pick-up inside the shopping mall must be by appointment only</li> <li>○ Any number of designated locations outside the shopping mall for curbside pick-up by patrons</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Members of the public not permitted to loiter in any area of the shopping mall that is not related to the purpose of their visit</li> </ul> <p><b>Cannabis retail stores operating under the authority of a retail store authorization issued under the <i>Cannabis Licence Act, 2018</i>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By curbside pick-up or delivery only</li> </ul>

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<b>Retailers, continued</b>	<p><b>Garden centres:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curbside pick-up and delivery permitted</li> </ul> <p><b>Motor vehicle sales</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes cars, trucks and motorcycles; recreational vehicles including motor homes; trailers and travel trailers; boats and other watercraft; and other motorized vehicles, including power-assisted bicycles, golf carts, scooters, snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles</li> <li>• By appointment only</li> <li>• Members of the public must not be permitted where products are neither sold nor displayed for sale</li> <li>• Subject to certain conditions related to test drives</li> </ul> <p><b>Outdoor markets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes farmer’s markets and holiday markets only if they primarily sell food to the public</li> <li>• Must require members of the public to remain outdoors at all times, including for curbside pick-up or delivery</li> </ul> <p><b>General Retail (all other retail, including hardware stores, pet food, computer stores, etc.):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curbside pick-up or delivery only (in-person retail shopping not permitted)</li> <li>• Sales must be exclusively made so patrons are not required to enter the indoor area of the business, including curbside pick-up or delivery</li> </ul>
<b>Services</b>	<p><b>Rental and leasing services, including automobile, commercial and light industrial machinery and equipment rental</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By appointment only</li> </ul> <p><b>Gas stations and other fuel suppliers</b></p> <p><b>Automated and self-service car washes</b></p> <p><b>Laundromats and drycleaners</b></p> <p><b>Snow clearing and landscaping services</b></p>

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<b>Services, continued</b>	<p><b>Security services for residences, businesses and other properties</b></p> <p><b>Domestic services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only to support children, seniors or vulnerable persons, including housekeeping, cooking, indoor and outdoor cleaning and maintenance services</li> </ul> <p><b>Vehicle and equipment repair and essential maintenance and vehicle and equipment rental services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By appointment only</li> </ul> <p><b>Courier, postal, shipping, moving and delivery services</b></p> <p><b>Funeral and related services</b></p> <p><b>Staffing services including providing temporary help</b></p> <p><b>Veterinary services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For services that are necessary for the immediate health and welfare of the animal only, or provided through curbside pick-up and drop-off of the animal</li> </ul> <p><b>Other businesses that provide for the health and welfare of animals, including farms, boarding kennels, stables, animal shelters and research facilities</b></p> <p><b>Businesses that provide pet training exclusively for service animals</b></p> <p><b>Hotels, motels, lodges, cabins, cottages, resorts and other shared rental accommodation, including student residences</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any indoor pools, indoor fitness centres, or other indoor recreational facilities that are part of the operation of these businesses, are closed</li> </ul>

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<b>Services, continued</b>	<p><b>Seasonal campgrounds</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be made available only for trailers and recreational vehicles used by individuals in need of housing or are permitted to be there by seasonal contract</li> <li>• Only campsites with electricity, water service and facilities for sewage disposal may be provided for use</li> <li>• All recreational and other shared facilities, excluding washrooms and showers must be closed</li> <li>• Other areas of the seasonal campground must be closed to the general public and must only be opened for the purpose of preparing the seasonal campground for reopening</li> </ul> <p><b>Community centres</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permitted to open for:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The operation of child care centres and authorized recreational and skill building programs within the meaning of the <i>Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014</i></li> <li>○ Mental health and addictions support services (e.g., Alcoholics Anonymous) permitted to a maximum of 10 people</li> <li>○ Social services</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Cheque cashing services</b></p>
<b>Financial services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital markets and related securities trading and advisory services</li> <li>• Banking/credit union activities including credit intermediation</li> <li>• Insurance</li> <li>• Land registration services</li> <li>• Pension and benefits payment services</li> <li>• Financial services including payroll and payment processing and accounting and tax services</li> </ul>
<b>Real estate (including pre-sale construction)</b>	<p><b>Real estate (including pre-sale construction)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No open houses - showing a property permitted by appointment only</li> </ul>



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<b>Telecommunications and IT infrastructure/service providers</b>	<p><b>Information Technology (IT) services, including online services, software products and the facilities necessary for their operation and delivery</b></p> <p><b>Telecommunications providers and services (phone, internet, radio, cell phones etc.) and facilities necessary for their operation and delivery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retail stores operated by a telecommunications provider or service may only permit members of the public to enter the premises by appointment and only for repairs or technical support</li> </ul> <p><b>Newspapers, radio and television broadcasting</b></p>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance, repair and property management services that manage and maintain the safety, security, sanitation and operation of institutional, commercial, industrial and residential properties and buildings</li> </ul>
<b>Transportation services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Businesses and facilities that provide transportation services, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transportation services provided by air, water, road, and rail, including taxis and other private transportation providers, and</li> <li>○ Support services for transportation services, including:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ logistical support, distribution services, warehousing and storage, truck stops and tow operators, and</li> <li>▪ services that support the operations and safety of transportation systems including maintenance and repairs</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Marinas, boating clubs and other organizations that maintain docking facilities for members or patrons with conditions</li> <li>○ Businesses that provide and support online retail, including by providing warehousing, storage and distribution of goods that are ordered online</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Businesses that extract, manufacture, process and distribute goods, products, equipment and materials, including businesses that manufacture inputs to other manufacturers (e.g. primary metal/ steel, blow molding, component manufacturers, chemicals, etc. that feed the end-product manufacturer), regardless of whether those other manufacturers are inside or outside of Ontario, together with businesses that support and facilitate the movement of goods within integrated North American and global supply chains</li> </ul>

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<b>Agriculture and food production</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Businesses that produce food and beverages, and agricultural products including plants, including by farming, harvesting, aquaculture, hunting and fishing</li> <li>• Businesses that process, manufacture or distribute food, beverages, crops, agricultural products, animal products and by-products</li> <li>• Businesses that support the food or agricultural products supply chains and the health and safety of food, animals and plants</li> </ul>
<b>Construction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction activities or projects and related services that support construction activities or projects, including demolition services</li> <li>• Land surveyors</li> </ul>
<b>Resources and energy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Businesses that provide and ensure the domestic and global continuity of supply of resources, including, resource exploration, mining, forestry, aggregates, petroleum, petroleum by-products and chemicals</li> <li>• Electricity generation, transmission, distribution and storage and natural gas distribution, transmission and storage</li> </ul>
<b>Community services</b>	<p>Businesses that deliver or support the delivery of community services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sewage treatment and disposal</li> <li>• Collecting, transporting, storing, processing, disposing or recycling of any type of waste</li> <li>• Potable drinking water</li> <li>• Critical infrastructure repair and maintenance including roads, dams, bridges etc.</li> <li>• Environmental rehabilitation, management and monitoring, and spill clean-up and response</li> <li>• Administrative authorities that regulate and inspect businesses</li> <li>• Professional and social services that support the legal and justice system</li> <li>• Government services including but not limited to policing and law enforcement, fire and emergency services, paramedics, coroner and pathology services, corrections and court services, licences and permits</li> <li>• Allotment gardens or community gardens</li> </ul>

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<b>Facilities for indoor or outdoor sports and recreational fitness activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closure of all indoor and outdoor sports and recreational fitness facilities except for:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Facilities operated or for the sole use of high performance athletes, including parasport athletes, and specified professional leagues (e.g., NHL, CFL, MLS, NBA) and</li> <li>○ Facilities opened solely for specified purposes (e.g. child care)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Community centres and multi-purpose facilities (e.g., YMCA) allowed to be open for permitted activities (e.g., child care services, mental health and addiction support services [limited to 10 people maximum], social services)</li> <li>• All subject to conditions</li> </ul>
<b>Outdoor recreational amenities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor recreational amenities permitted to open include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Parks and recreational areas</li> <li>○ Baseball diamonds</li> <li>○ Batting cages</li> <li>○ Soccer, football and sports fields</li> <li>○ Tennis, platform tennis, table tennis and pickleball courts</li> <li>○ Basketball courts</li> <li>○ BMX parks</li> <li>○ Skate parks</li> <li>○ Golf courses and driving ranges</li> <li>○ Frisbee golf locations</li> <li>○ Cycling tracks and bike trails</li> <li>○ Horse riding facilities</li> <li>○ Shooting ranges, including those operated by rod and gun clubs</li> <li>○ Ice rinks</li> <li>○ Snowmobile, cross country, dogsledding, ice-skating and snow-shoe trails</li> <li>○ Playgrounds</li> <li>○ Portions of parks or recreational areas containing outdoor fitness equipment</li> <li>○ Tobogganing hills and skating trails</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Refer to subsequent slide for public health and workplace safety measures.</p>

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<b>Outdoor recreational amenities, continued</b>	<p>A permitted outdoor recreational amenity may only open if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any person who enters or uses the amenity maintains a physical distance of at least two metres from other person using the amenity (excluding members of the same household)</li> <li>• Team sports, or other sports or games where people may come within two metres of each other, are not practiced or played within the amenity</li> <li>• Any locker rooms, change rooms, showers and clubhouses remain closed, except to the extent they provide access to equipment storage, a washroom or a portion of the amenity that is used to provide first aid</li> </ul> <p>Ski hills are closed</p>
<b>Research</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Businesses and organizations that maintain research facilities and engage in research, including medical research and other research and development activities</li> </ul>
<b>Health care and social services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organizations and providers that deliver home care services or personal support services to seniors and persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Regulated health professionals</li> <li>• Professionals or organizations that provide in-person counselling services</li> <li>• Organizations that provide health care including retirement homes, hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities, independent health facilities and mental health and addictions counselling supports</li> <li>• Laboratories and specimen collection centres</li> <li>• Manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors and retailers of pharmaceutical products and medical supplies, including medications, medical isotopes, vaccines and antivirals, medical devices and medical supplies</li> <li>• Manufacturers, distributors and businesses that provide logistical support of or for products and/or services that support the delivery of health care in all locations</li> <li>• Organizations that provide critical personal support services in home or residential services for individuals with physical disabilities</li> <li>• Organizations that support the provision of food, shelter, safety or protection, and/or social services and other necessities of life to economically disadvantaged and other vulnerable individuals</li> <li>• Businesses that are primarily engaged in the provision of health and safety training with conditions</li> </ul>

# Businesses Permitted to Open and Sector Specific Restrictions

Sector	Businesses, organizations and services permitted to open under the Provincewide Shutdown and any sector-specific public health and workplace safety measures
Media industries	<p><b>Sound recording, production, publishing and distribution businesses</b></p> <p><b>Film and television production, including all supporting activities such as hair, makeup and wardrobe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No studio audiences permitted to be on the film or television set</li> <li>• No more than 10 performers may be permitted to be on the film or television set</li> <li>• Set must be configured and operated in such a way as to enable persons on the set to maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from other persons, except where necessary for the filming of the film or television production</li> <li>• Persons who provide hair or makeup services must wear appropriate personal protective equipment</li> <li>• Singers and players of brass or wind instruments must be separated from any other performers by plexiglass or some other impermeable barrier</li> </ul> <p><b>Film and television postproduction, visual effects and animation studios</b></p> <p><b>Book and periodical production, publishing and distribution businesses</b></p> <p><b>Commercial and industrial photography</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not permit retail studios to open</li> </ul> <p><b>Interactive digital media businesses, including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer system software or application developers and publishers, and</li> <li>• Video game developers and publishers</li> </ul>

# Businesses Permitted to Open and Sector Specific Restrictions

Sector	Businesses, organizations and services permitted to open under the Provincewide Shutdown and any sector-specific public health and workplace safety measures
<b>Entertainment</b>	<p><b>Concert venues, theatres and cinemas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May open for the purpose of rehearsing or performing a recorded or broadcasted concert, artistic event, theatrical performance or other performance with conditions, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No spectators may be permitted in the concert venue, theatre or cinema</li> <li>○ No more than 10 performers may be permitted on stage</li> <li>○ Every performer and other person who performs work for the concert venue, theatre or cinema must maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from every other person, except,                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ if it is necessary for the performers or other persons to be closer to each other for purposes of the performance or rehearsal, or</li> <li>▪ where necessary for the purposes of health and safety</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Singers and players of brass or wind instruments must be separated from any other performers by plexiglass or some other impermeable barrier</li> <li>○ Contact information recording required</li> </ul> </li> <li>• No drive-in or drive-through events</li> </ul>
<b>Libraries</b>	<p>Libraries may open:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For contactless curbside, delivery, and pick-up</li> <li>• For permitted services (e.g., child care services, mental health and addiction support services to a limit of 10 persons [AA meetings], provision of social services)</li> <li>• If they ensure that circulating materials returned to the library are disinfected or quarantined for an appropriate period of time before they are recirculated</li> <li>• Contact information recording required</li> </ul>
<b>Museums and cultural amenities</b>	Closed
<b>Horse racing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training only, no races, no members of the public (i.e., spectators)</li> </ul>
<b>Night clubs and strip clubs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only permitted to open if they operate as a food or drink establishment, subject to conditions that apply to restaurants and bars, etc.</li> </ul>

# Businesses Permitted to Open and Sector Specific Restrictions

Sector	Businesses, organizations and services permitted to open under the Provincewide Shutdown and any sector-specific public health and workplace safety measures
<b>Zoos and aquariums</b>	<b>Zoos and aquariums:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed to the public</li> <li>• Permitted to operate for the care of animals</li> </ul>
<b>Amusement parks, water parks</b>	Closed
<b>Bathhouses and sex clubs</b>	Closed
<b>Tour and guide services</b>	Closed
<b>Motorsports</b>	Closed
<b>Personal care services</b>	Closed
<b>Casinos, Bingo Halls and Gaming Establishments</b>	Closed

# CMOH Advice to Ontarians for the Provincewide Shutdown

## General

- Ontarians should stay home to the fullest extent possible
- Trips outside of the home should be limited and only for essential purposes (accessing health care and medication, grocery shopping, child care, exercise alone or people in your household (the people you live with) and in the community where you live, walking pets when required, and supporting vulnerable community members to meet the needs above)
- Remote work should happen in **all industries** to the greatest extent possible
  - Employers should enable and support workers to work remotely and accommodate household needs related to virtual education and dependent care
- Face coverings should be tightly fitted to cover the nose, mouth and chin. Scarves and bandanas are insufficient

## Close Contact, Gatherings and Events

- **Indoor organized public events and social gatherings are not permitted except with members of the same household.** Limit close contact to your household (the people you live with):
  - Families should not visit any other household or allow visitors in their homes
  - Individuals who live alone and single parents may consider having exclusive, close contact with another household to help reduce the negative impacts of social isolation
  - Virtual gatherings or events are the safest way to visit or recognize occasions with people outside your household, especially during the holiday season
- Maintain two metres of physical distancing from everyone outside of your household (who you do not live with)
- Wear a face covering indoors; outdoors if physical distancing cannot be maintained; or if wearing one is required

## Travel within Ontario

- Stay home. Travel outside your region should be limited to only essential purposes.

## Inter-Provincial Travel

- Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others. Travel out of province should be limited to only essential purposes
- Individuals and families who arrive or return to Ontario during the Provincewide Shutdown period should self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival



# Plan for a Return to the COVID-19 Response Framework

- At the end of the Provincewide Shutdown period, the *COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open* will be re-enacted.
- While data will continue to be monitored weekly, the CMOH will review trends in key public health indicators in the final week of the Provincewide Shutdown period and indicators from each public health unit region will be assessed to determine the appropriate zone for each PHU region under the framework.
- The Chief Medical Officer of Health will assess and apply lessons learned thus far to the *COVID-19 Response Framework* to ensure appropriate and effective measures are in place to protect the health of Ontarians and enable economic recovery after the Provincewide Shutdown ends. This will include an assessment of how a revised approach for the safe re-opening of retail may be operationalized, according to the latest available evidence.

# Appendix A: Public Health Unit Regions in Southern Ontario

<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Brant County Health Unit</li><li>2. Chatham-Kent Public Health</li><li>3. City of Hamilton Public Health Services</li><li>4. Durham Region Health Department</li><li>5. Eastern Ontario Health Unit</li><li>6. Grey Bruce Health Unit</li><li>7. Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit</li><li>8. Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit</li><li>9. Halton Region Public Health</li><li>10. Hastings Prince Edward Public Health</li><li>11. Huron Perth Public Health</li><li>12. Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox &amp; Addington Public Health</li><li>13. Lambton Public Health</li><li>14. Leeds, Grenville &amp; Lanark District Health Unit</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>15. Middlesex-London Health Unit</li><li>16. Niagara Region Public Health</li><li>17. Ottawa Public Health</li><li>18. Peel Public Health</li><li>19. Peterborough Public Health</li><li>20. Region of Waterloo Public Health</li><li>21. Renfrew County and District Health Unit</li><li>22. Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit</li><li>23. Southwestern Public Health</li><li>24. Toronto Public Health</li><li>25. Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health</li><li>26. Windsor-Essex County Health Unit</li><li>27. York Region Public Health</li></ol>
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# Appendix B: List of Eligible Workers (Child Care Only)

1. An individual who is,
  - i. a regulated health professional, or
  - ii. an unregulated health care provider working in health care delivery, either directly or indirectly.
2. A police officer as defined in the *Police Services Act*.
3. A special constable appointed pursuant to section 53 of the *Police Services Act*.
4. A member of a police force other than a police officer as defined in the *Police Services Act*.
5. A First Nations Constable appointed pursuant to section 54 of the *Police Services Act* or a member of a police service in which policing is delivered by First Nations Constables.
6. A provincial offences officer as defined in the *Provincial Offences Act*.
7. An individual employed as a firefighter as defined in the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*.
8. An individual who is,
  - i. engaged in providing fire protection services as defined in the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*,
  - ii. employed in a fire department as defined in the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*, or
  - iii. employed in the Office of the Fire Marshal and whose duties include being a fire investigator or supervising or managing fire investigators.
9. A paramedic as defined in the *Ambulance Act*.
10. A coroner as defined in the *Coroners Act*.
11. A worker in a correctional institution as defined in the *Ministry of Correctional Services Act* or an independent contractor who supplies services to correctional institutions, including, but not limited to, employees of Trilcor.
12. Probation and parole officers as described in the *Ministry of Correctional Services Act*, including institutional liaison officers, court liaison officers, individuals employed as assistant area managers and area managers of staff at probation and parole offices and the administrative and support staff at these offices.
13. An individual employed in the Institutional Services Division of the Ministry of the Solicitor General, including a person employed in a correctional institution as defined in section 1 of the *Ministry of Correctional Services Act*.
14. An individual employed in the Operational Support Division of the Correctional Services Recruitment and Training Centre in the Ministry of the Solicitor General who,
  - i. provides facilities or maintenance services, or
  - ii. is a Senior Staff Development Officer or Manager of Customized Training.

# Appendix B: List of Eligible Workers (Child Care Only), continued

15. An employee of Compass Group Canada Ltd. who works at or provides services in relation to the Cook Chill Food Production Centre.
16. An individual employed in the Ministry of the Solicitor General who performs one or more of the following functions for the Institutional Services Division or Community Services Division:
  - i. Performing electronic monitoring services.
  - ii. Performing CPIC searches.
  - iii. Preparing community supervision orders.
17. An individual employed in the Ministry of the Solicitor General at the Centre for Forensic Sciences who is involved in supporting and conducting forensic testing and analysis.
18. An individual employed in the Ministry of the Solicitor General at the provincial Forensic Pathology Unit.
19. An individual employed in the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre or at the Ministry of the Solicitor General's Emergency Operations Centre.
20. An animal welfare inspector appointed pursuant to the *Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019* or an individual employed by the Ministry of the Solicitor General in the Animal Welfare Services Branch who is directly involved in supporting animal welfare inspectors.
21. An individual employed in the operation of,
  - i. a place of secure custody designated under section 24.1 of the *Young Offenders Act* (Canada), whether in accordance with section 88 of the *Youth Criminal Justice Act* (Canada) or otherwise, or
  - ii. a place of secure temporary detention as defined in subsection 2 (1) of the *Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017*.
22. Persons employed in the Direct Operated Facilities Branch of the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.
23. An individual who performs work that is essential to the delivery of core services in a municipality or First Nation community, as determined by the municipality or First Nation.
24. An individual who performs work of a critical nature in their service area or community, as determined by the Minister of Education or his delegate in consultation with the relevant service system manager or First Nation as those terms are defined under the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014*.
25. An individual who works in a child care centre or who otherwise provides child care in accordance with the requirements in this Order.
26. A member of the Canadian Armed Forces or an employee of the Department of National Defence.
27. All persons employed in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry who are engaged in,
  - i. prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response or recovery actions, as applicable, with respect to,
    - A. fires as defined in the *Forest Fires Prevention Act*,
    - B. floods,
    - C. dam failures, or
    - D. emergencies relating to oil and gas exploration or production, hydrocarbon underground storage, and salt solution mining, or
  - ii. the provision of support services to Conservation Officers through the operation of the Ministry's Provincial Communications Unit.
28. A person who holds a licence issued under section 13 of the *Private Security and Investigative Services Act, 2005* to act as a security guard.



# **Ontario Small Business Support Grant**

## **Embargoed technical briefing for stakeholders**

December 21, 2020

# New Ontario Small Business Support Grant

Ontario will offer one-time grants of a minimum of \$10,000 and up to \$20,000 to eligible small business owners to help navigate the new Provincewide Shutdown

The government recognizes that small businesses required to close or significantly restrict services under the Shutdown will **need additional help**.

Small business owners can use this grant however makes the most sense for them: for example, some may use it to pay employee wages, while others will need support maintaining their inventory.

**Who's eligible?** Businesses that:

- Are required to close or significantly restrict services subject to the Provincewide Shutdown;
- Have less than 100 employees at the enterprise level; and
- Can be expected to experience a minimum of 20 per cent revenue decline as a result of the Shutdown. This will be measured by comparing April 2020 with April 2019 monthly revenues. New businesses established since April 2020 are also eligible.

Funding application launches in January 2021

# Ontario Small Business Support Grant: Revenue Details

For businesses expected to experience an at least 20 per cent revenue decline, above the \$10,000 minimum, the grant will provide **dollar-for-dollar funding for decreased revenues**, up to the \$20,000 maximum. The April comparison time period was selected as most representative of the upcoming Provincewide Shutdown, while ensuring the program is straightforward for small business owners and that payments can be made quickly.

## *Company A*

As a result of the upcoming lockdown period, Company A is expected to experience a monthly loss of \$20,000 which is equivalent to a 25% decline in revenue.

Under the *Ontario Small Business Support Grant*, Company A will be eligible for the **maximum amount of \$20,000**.

## *Company B*

As a result of the upcoming lockdown period, Company B is expected to experience a monthly loss of \$15,000 which is equivalent to a 20% decline in revenue.

Under the *Ontario Small Business Support Grant*, Company B will be eligible for **\$15,000 in assistance**, which matches their loss dollar for dollar.

# Examples of Eligible Small Business Types

- Restaurants and bars
- Facilities for indoor sports and recreational fitness activities (including fitness centres and gyms)
- Conference centres and convention centres
- Community centres and multi-purpose facilities
- Museums, galleries, aquariums, zoos, science centres, landmarks, historic sites, botanical gardens and similar attraction
- Performing arts and cinemas
- Personal care services relating to the hair or body (with exception of oxygen bars)
- Racing venues, casinos, bingo halls and gaming establishments
- Meeting or event space
- In person teaching and instruction
- Retail required to close for in-person shopping
- Shopping malls
- Personal services
- Driving instruction
- Tour and guide services
- Photography services
- Campgrounds
- Neighbourhood Hardware stores
- Drive-in cinemas
- Garden Centres (excluding Big Box)
- Outdoor sports and recreation facilities/amenities
- Day camps for children
- Pet/animal food and services
- Ski hills
- Outdoor markets
- Safety, medical and assistive devices retail
- Rental and leasing services (e.g., automobile, commercial and light machinery, and equipment rental)
- Lawn care and landscaping services
- Domestic services
- Vehicle and equipment repair services
- Veterinary services
- Cell Phone and computer providers & repairs
- Media industries including film and television production (excluding radio/television broadcasting)

*Businesses that are not eligible include those that were **already required to close prior** to the introduction of modified Stage 2 measures, and essential business permitted to operate with capacity restrictions (e.g., Discount and big box stores selling groceries; Supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, and pharmacies; Beer, wine and liquor stores).*