



# Ontario Pandemic Regulations Briefing

January 14, 2021

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# CONTEXT



## Lockdown confusion? You're not alone

Many scrambling to make sense of rules as new provincial measures take effect.  
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# TORONTO STAR

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021

> CRISIS OF CARE

## Ontario pledges LTC vaccines by Feb. 15

Move follows support from 20,000 readers responding to open letter from Star proprietors

ROB FERGUSON  
QUEEN'S PARK BUREAU

Toronto, Peel, York and Windsor-Essex are on track to be completed three days

three and four weeks after the initial shots, depending on which vaccine each recipient was given, meaning all long-term care and high-risk retirement homes should be completed by mid-March to better protect residents amid alarming death rates on pace to exceed

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more residents have died of COVID-19 in long-term care, the province reported



# **TIMELINE**

- ▶ **Tues, Jan 12 - Announcement**
- ▶ **Thurs, Jan 14 – New Measures Took Effect**
- ▶ **In place for a minimum of 28 days**



# RESOURCES



## News Release

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NEWS RELEASE

### Ontario Declares Second Provincial Emergency to Address COVID-19 Crisis and Save Lives

Province Issues Stay-at-Home Order and Introduces Enhanced Enforcement Measures to Reduce Mobility

January 12, 2021  
[Office of the Premier](#)

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TORONTO — In response to a doubling in COVID-19 cases over the past two weeks, the real and looming threat of the collapse of the province's hospital system and alarming risks posed to long-term care homes as a result of high COVID-19 transmission rates, the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts, is immediately declaring a second [provincial emergency](#) under s 7.0.1 (1) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMPCA).

Details were provided today by Premier Doug Ford, Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Solicitor General Sylvia Jones, Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, and Dr. Adalsteinn (Stein) Brown, Co-Chair of the Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table.

\*The latest modeling data shows that Ontario is in a crisis and, with the current trends, our

## Briefing Deck

### Enhancing Public Health and Workplace Safety Measures in the Provincewide Shutdown

January 12, 2021

The information contained in this document is intended to communicate a summary of information about measures proposed to come into effect in Ontario or in areas of Ontario between Tuesday January 12, 2021 and Thursday, January 14, 2021. The material is not legal advice and does not purport to be or to provide an interpretation of the law. In the event of any conflict or difference between this summary information and any applicable legislation or regulation, the legislation or regulation prevails.

**New updates as of January 12, 2021 in red.**

Ontario





# RESOURCES (CONT'D)

## O. Reg. 82/20: RULES FOR AREAS IN STAGE 1

The screenshot shows the Ontario e-Laws website interface. At the top, there is a green header with the Ontario logo, a search bar labeled "SEARCH LAWS" with a "SEARCH" button, and links for "contact us" and "français". A "Topics +" menu is also visible. Below the header, a breadcrumb trail reads "HOME PAGE / LAWS / O. REG. 82/20: RULES FOR AREAS IN STAGE 1". The main content area features the title "O. Reg. 82/20: RULES FOR AREAS IN STAGE 1" and a sub-header "under *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020, S.O. 2020, c. 17*". A "Versions" section lists the current version as "January 11, 2021 – (e-Laws currency date)" and other historical versions: "January 9, 2021 – January 10, 2021", "January 7, 2021 – January 8, 2021", and "25 more". Below the versions are "Print" and "Download" buttons. At the bottom of the page, there is a "Français" link and the following text: "Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020", "ONTARIO REGULATION 82/20", "FORMERLY UNDER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND CIVIL PROTECTION ACT", and "RULES FOR AREAS IN STAGE 1". A red "Consolidation Period" note at the bottom states: "Consolidation Period: From January 11, 2021 to the [e-Laws currency date](#)."





# **| RESOURCES (CONT'D)**

**STOP THE SPREAD BUSINESS INFO LINE**

**1-888-444-3659**

**Hours: 8:30am - 5:00pm**

**(We have been told calling at 8:30am is the most effective time to get through quickly.)**



# INSTALLATIONS (PERMITTED CONDITIONALLY)

## (UPDATED) 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
Construction, continued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Residential construction projects where,<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a footing permit has been granted for single family, semi-detached and townhomes</li><li>the project is a condominium, mixed use or other residential building, or</li><li>the project involves renovations to residential properties and construction work was started before <u>January 12, 2021</u>.</li></ul></li><li>Construction to prepare a site for an institutional, commercial, industrial or residential development, including any necessary excavation, grading, roads or utilities infrastructure.</li><li>Construction and maintenance activities necessary to temporarily close construction sites that have paused or are not active and to ensure ongoing public safety.</li><li>Below-grade multi-unit residential construction projects, such as apartments and condominiums. The Ontario government also provided that businesses must follow public health measures and should review the workplace safety guidelines.</li></ul>

Source: Enhancing Public Health and Workplace Safety Measures in the Provincewide Shutdown Deck, Slide 24

Only one of those sub-bullets need be true

Officials currently have no definition of “*work was started*”. Will rely on good faith interpretation and judgement of enforcement



# RETAIL (PERMITTED CONDITIONALLY)

## (UPDATED) 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
Retailers, continued	<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><li>• <b>Operating hours of 7am to 8pm</b></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><li>• <b>Operating hours of 7am to 8pm</b></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>• <b>An item may only be provided for curbside pickup if the patron ordered the item before arriving at the business premises</b></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><li>• <b>Operating hours of 7am to 8pm</b></li></ul>

Source: Enhancing Public Health and Workplace Safety Measures in the Provincewide Shutdown Deck, Slide 19

## Showrooms must be closed

## Operating hours: 7am-8pm



# **SERVICE** (PERMITTED CONDITIONALLY)

<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>
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Source: Enhancing Public Health and Workplace Safety Measures in the Provincewide Shutdown Deck, Slide 22

**Key is “safety, security, sanitation”**

**Will rely on good faith interpretation and judgement of enforcement**



# MANUFACTURING (PERMITTED)

## Manufacturing

- 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

Source: Enhancing Public Health and Workplace Safety Measures in the Provincewide Shutdown Deck, Slide 22

## Need to ensure compliance with mask and other relevant protocols



# DISTRIBUTION (PERMITTED)

<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>
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Source: Enhancing Public Health and Workplace Safety Measures in the Provincewide Shutdown Deck, Slide 15

## Need to ensure compliance with mask and other relevant protocols



# **ENFORCEMENT**

**The following authorities will play roles in enforcement of these provincial regulations:**

- ▶ Police Services**
- ▶ Bylaw Services**
- ▶ Public Health Services**
- ▶ Other Municipal Officials**
- ▶ Ontario Ministry of Labour**



# **| ENFORCEMENT (CONT'D)**

**“All businesses must ensure that any employee who can work from home, does work from home.”**

**If an employee believes they should be working from home, they have the ability to contact the Ministry of Labour to file a health and safety complaint.**



# ENFORCEMENT (CONT'D)

The image shows a screenshot of a news article from the Toronto Star website. The article is titled "Police do not have power to stop drivers to enforce new stay-at-home order, Ontario tells police chiefs". The author is Wendy Gillis, a Staff Reporter, and the article was published on Thursday, January 14, 2021, with a 2-minute read time. The article was updated 2 hours ago. The website's navigation bar includes links for HOME, GTA, CANADA, POLITICS, WORLD, OPINION, LIFE, SPORTS, ENTERTAINMENT, BUSINESS, and STAR INVE. There are also links for Podcasts, Newsletters, and a "Subscribe Now" button for \$1.92/week. The Toronto Star logo is prominently displayed at the top left of the article page.



# **| ENFORCEMENT (CONT'D)**

**“Under Ontario’s new emergency measures, police officers do not have the authority to stop a car solely to check compliance with stay-at-home measures, and individuals don’t have to tell officers why they’re outside, according to a government memo.”**

**“In addition, individuals are not compelled to explain why they are out of their residence,” states the memo, which notes that being outside should not automatically be considered “evidence of a failure to comply with the stay at home order.”**

**The memo also notes that workers are do not have to provide proof from their employer that they are travelling to or from their workplace.**



# SUPPORT

The government's new Ontario Small Business Support Grant will provide a minimum of \$10,000 and up to \$20,000 to help eligible small business owners during this challenging period.

Small businesses required to close or significantly restrict services will be able to apply for this one-time grant. Each eligible small business will be able to use the support in whatever way makes the most sense for their individual business. For example, some businesses will need support paying employee wages or rent, while others will need assistance maintaining their inventory.

Eligible small businesses include those that:

- Are required to close or significantly restrict services due to the Provincewide Shutdown, which began at 12:01 a.m. on December 26;
- Have fewer than 100 employees at the enterprise level; and
- Have experienced a minimum of 20 per cent revenue decline in April 2020 compared to April 2019.

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/backgrounder/59920/ontario-continues-to-support-employers-and-workers-during-covid-19>



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