



Covid-19 Update

Province Declares Second Provincial Emergency, Effective 12:01 am Jan.14th, 2021

The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other experts, announced yesterday a second Provincial Emergency Shutdown.

- Ontario will be placed under a stay-at-home order, which will require everyone to remain at home with exceptions for essential purposes, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy; accessing health-care services; exercising; or doing essential work.
- All businesses must ensure that any employee who can work from home does so.
- Outdoor gatherings are restricted to five people, consistent with the first-wave lockdown rules.
- Masks remain mandatory indoors at open businesses or organizations. Masks are also now being recommended outdoors where physical distancing of more than two metres is not possible.
- All non-essential retail stores, including hardware stores, alcohol retailers and those offering curbside pickup or delivery, will be forced to close by 8 p.m. ET and open no earlier than 7 a.m. These limits don't apply to stores that primarily sell food, gas stations, pharmacies, convenience stores or restaurants providing take-out or delivery.
- Non-essential construction is further restricted, including below-grade construction, exempting survey.
- No restrictions on the purchase of non-essential items.

The province says the measures are in effect for all of Ontario and will remain in place until at least February 11th, 2021.

Please continue to follow the guidelines as set out by the province.

To preserve health care capacity, safeguard our vulnerable population and those that care for them, all visiting of patients in the Hospital and all visiting of residents in the John Owen Even's Residence will continue to be suspended for the duration of the shutdown period. The Hospital will post changes if necessary.

I am confident that the communities of Greenstone served by the Hospital will continue to follow public health orders, by frequently washing hands, wearing masks, social distancing and having close contact with immediate household members only.

Thank You & Stay Safe and Healthy

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