



Memo

To:	LTC Residents, Independent Living, Families and Staff
From:	Gary Basran (CEO) Vanda Cozier (DOC)
Date:	April 30th, 2021
Subject:	State of Emergency / Stay at Home Order

With COVID-19 cases and the spread of the COVID-19 variants increasing, the safety of the community is of the utmost importance. To date SCOC vaccination rate is as follows:

- 91.7% - staff
- 94.4% - LTC residence
- 86.4% - Independent living residents

Below is some information regarding the declaration of emergency and stay-at-home order.

Declaration of emergency and provincewide Stay-at-Home order

As COVID-19 cases continue to rise at an alarming rate, a declaration of emergency and provincewide Stay-at-Home order has been in effect as of Thursday, April 8, at 12:01 a.m. through May 19, 2021. We must all follow temporary restrictions and public health and workplace safety measures.

Stay at home.

This means you must stay at home. You should only go out for necessities, such as:

- the grocery store or pharmacy
- health care services (including going to medical appointments or getting vaccinated)
- outdoor exercise or walking pets in your community
- work that cannot be done remotely
- child care or school

Gatherings

You are not allowed to gather indoors or outdoors with anyone you do not live with, except one other person from outside of the household that lives alone.

Limit close contact to only members of your household (the people you live with). If you live alone, you can have close contact with only one other household.

You must stay at least two metres apart from everyone else and wear a mask or face covering during permitted events such as a wedding, funeral or religious service, rite or ceremony.

If you do not follow these rules for gatherings:

- organizers may be fined a minimum of \$10,000
- each attendee may receive a \$750 ticket
- enforcement personnel may break up the gathering or temporarily close the premises

If a police officer or other provincial offences officer has reason to suspect that you are participating in an organized public event or social gathering, they may require you to provide information to ensure you are complying with restrictions. This additional enforcement tool will only be in effect during the Stay-at-Home order.

Gathering limits

All events and social gatherings:

- Indoors and outdoors: not allowed, except with:
 - members of your household
 - one other person from outside of the household that lives alone

Travel

Do not travel outside your region or the province unless absolutely necessary.

As of April 19, 2021 at 12:01 a.m., travel from Manitoba or Quebec into Ontario will be restricted. Exemptions will only be allowed for specified reasons, including:

- going to work
- receiving medical care or social services
- business transport of goods
- exercising Indigenous or treaty rights
- your primary residence is in Ontario
- you are moving to a new primary residence in Ontario
- humanitarian or compassionate reasons, such as providing care or services to a person who requires assistance due to their state of health
- attending, transporting or picking up a student from a school or post-secondary institution in Ontario
- transporting a child who is registered to receive child care in Ontario

Stop the spread

You should always:

- stay home if you have symptoms, even if they are mild
- stay two metres apart from people you don't live with
- wear a mask or face covering in indoor public spaces or any time physical distancing is not possible
- wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- sneeze and cough into your sleeve
- avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- [get tested](#) if you think you have symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19

Enforcement and fines

You may be asked to identify yourself to a provincial offences officer if they believe you have not complied with certain orders under the:

- [Health Protection and Promotion Act](#)
- [Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act](#)
- [Reopening Ontario \(A Flexible Response to COVID-19\) Act](#)

If the officer finds you are not following the orders, you may be fined. The set fines are:

- \$750 for individuals who are not following an order
- \$1,000 for corporations that are not following an order
- \$1,000 for anyone who prevents an enforcement officer from exercising their powers or performing their duties to enforce the orders

Stay Safe,
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