



COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

TO: All PACE Clients and Staff
FROM: Laura Visser, Chief Executive Officer
DATE: Thursday, January 14, 2021
SUBJECT: Province Declares Second State of Emergency and Issues Stay-at- Home Order

The provincial government declared a second province-wide state of emergency – and imposed a stay-at-home order - that came into effect at 12:01 a.m. this morning and will remain in effect for at least the next 28 days.

Additional Public Health Restrictions now in effect include:

- A requirement to remain at home except for going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services, for exercise, or for essential work that cannot be done from home.
- No indoor social gatherings are permitted (except with people who live in your household). If you live alone, you may consider having exclusive close contact with one other household to help reduce the negative impacts of social isolation.
- Outdoor organized gatherings are restricted to a maximum of five persons and each person at the gathering is required to maintain physical distancing and/or to wear a mask or face covering.
- Wearing a mask or face covering is now recommended outdoors when you cannot physically distance more than two metres.
- You are required to wear a mask or face covering in the indoor areas of any business/organization that is allowed to be open.

The province has also introduced new enforcement measures. All enforcement officers now have the ability to issue tickets and fines to those who do not comply with the stay-at-home-order and do not wear masks in required situations and places.

The full details about the shutdown are available at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/zones-and-restrictions>.