

# Strengthened Enforcement of Stay-at-Home Order

Effective April 17, 2021 - Ontario restrictions tightened

- ✓ Friday, April 16: The Ontario Government announced the **extension of the provincial declaration of emergency and stay-at-home order for an additional two weeks**, for a total of six weeks.
- ✓ April 8: A provincial declaration of emergency and stay-at-home order came into effect.
- ✓ **Outdoor social gatherings are limited to members of the same household only.** No outdoor organized public events.
- ✓ If a police officer or other provincial offences officer has reason to suspect that an individual is participating in an organized public event or social gathering, they may require the individual to provide information to ensure compliance with restrictions, with the potential to issue a ticket up to \$750 for non-compliance.
- ✓ Checkpoints at provincial borders with Quebec and Manitoba, with exceptions for essential travel.
- ✓ Closure of schools for in-person learning as of April 19.
- ✓ Leave home for **essential reasons** only (e.g. work, medical appointments, groceries, outdoor exercise).
- ✓ **No indoor social gatherings with members of other households.** Individuals who live alone may consider having exclusive close contact with one other household. **No indoor organized public events.**



- Grocery stores, pharmacies, convenience stores, discount and big box stores are open, following a **25% capacity limit**. Discount and big box store in-person sales are restricted to selling **essential items only**: grocery items, pet care supplies, household cleaning supplies, pharmaceutical items, health care items, and personal care items.
- Curb-side pick up and delivery only for the majority of business that are allowed to be open, via appointment, between the hours of 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Weddings, funerals and other religious services, rites or ceremonies will have **capacity limits of 10 people indoors or outdoors**. Social gatherings associated with these services such as receptions are prohibited, except for with members of the same household. Drive in services are permitted.
- Non-essential construction, including construction at shopping malls, hotels and office towers, is prohibited.
- Closure of outdoor recreational amenities including golf courses, basketball courts, and soccer fields.
- **No indoor or outdoor dining is permitted in food premises.** Take out, drive-through and delivery options only.
- The following businesses are **closed**: personal care services (hair styling, barbering, tattooing, nail salons, etc.); casinos, bingo halls and gaming establishments; cinemas and performing arts facilities; Indoor sports and recreational facilities (with limited exceptions); and Indoor and outdoor fitness facilities.
- ⚠ **For full details, please visit:**
  - [Ontario Strengthens Enforcement of Stay-at-Home Order](#)
  - [Ontario Regulation 82/20 under the Reopening Ontario Act](#)
  - [COVID-19 Shutdown: enhanced public health and workplace safety measures](#)



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