

## **COVID-19 Update as of Oct 9, 2020**

Daily cases of COVID-19 continue to rise, prompting the Ontario government to take action. We anticipate a renewed focus on construction from both the public and media. This means we must fight complacency and continue to adhere to all public health guidance to ensure that industry remains working and beyond approach.

### **Government Announcements**

Effective Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:01 am, the following measures are being implemented in Ottawa, Peel, and Toronto ([click here for Government News Release](#)):

- Reducing social gatherings and public events to a maximum of 10 people (indoors) and 25 people (outdoors) where physical distancing can be maintained. The two cannot be combined for indoor-outdoor events.
- Prohibiting indoor food and drink service in restaurants, bars, and other food and drink establishments.
- Closing of
  - Gyms and fitness centres
  - Casinos
  - Cinemas
  - Performing arts centres and studios
  - Interactive exhibits (museums, galleries, zoos, etc.)
- Reduced capacity for:
  - Tour and guided services (10)
  - Real estate open houses (10)
  - In-person teaching
- Limiting team sports to training (no games or scrimmages)

The government also announced that medium risk areas (including York Region) are being watched and could be subject to similar restrictions.

For Government updates please [click here](#) and [click here](#)

### **Face Coverings Now Mandatory**

As per [this legal brief](#) from Sherrard Kuzz LLP, Ontario has passed a regulation requiring the use of masks and face coverings in most Ontario workplaces.

The new regulation requires:

- the person responsible for a business or organization that is open shall ensure that any person in the indoor area of the premises of the business or organization, or in a vehicle that is operating as part of the business or organization, wears a mask or face covering in a manner that covers their mouth, nose and chin during any period when they are in the indoor area.

## Exemptions

- person who cannot wear a mask for medical reasons or who is being accommodated in accordance with the [Ontario Human Rights Code](#) or [Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005](#); and
- a person who performs work for the business or organization in an area that is not accessible to members of the public and is able to maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from every other person while in the indoor area.

Thank you.

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