

## **COVID-19 update as of April 7, 2021**

Premier Doug Ford has announced a stay-at-home-order and declared a state of emergency that begins Thursday, April 8 at 12:01 a.m. and lasts for at least four weeks.

In addition, new restrictions were announced, including limiting non-essential retail to curbside or storefront pickup only.

Construction remains operational. Permits will continue to be issued for both high-rise and low-rise developments. Open houses, including pre-construction open houses/sales centres remain prohibited. RESCON is still waiting to receive the exact regulations and will circulate when they are available.

### **Vaccinations**

The province also announced prioritization of vaccinations of essential workers in hot spot locations (including Toronto and Peel). Details about when these vaccinations will begin is still to be confirmed. RESCON will provide more information when it is available.

### **Inspections**

Health and safety inspectors and provincial offenses officers will increase inspections and enforcement at essential businesses in regional hot zones. Their focus is on areas of high transmission in the workplace, including breakrooms and lunchrooms. They have the authority to issue fines to individuals, employees, employers and businesses if they are found in non-compliance of COVID-19 regulations. Rapid testing continues to be deployed on various construction sites.

### **Reminder**

RESCON continues to encourage members to practice COVID-19 mitigation practices and follow the advice of public health experts. This includes continuing to wear masks at all times on-site, practicing good hand hygiene, physical distancing (six feet apart when possible), and full utilization of the [COVID-19 Alert app](#).

The province continues to advise that those who can work from home, do so, and that employers allow them to do so.

When your time comes, please get vaccinated and encourage your employees to get vaccinated. [Click here](#) to check your eligibility.