

COVID-19 update as of Jan. 12, 2021

The provincial government has declared a second State of Emergency and is imposing a stay-at-home order effective Thursday, Jan. 14 at 12:01 a.m.

The declaration was made under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* which will last for 14 days (unless extended).

A detailed update will be issued by RESCON on Jan. 13 once the regulations have been reviewed.

For the news release, [click here](#).

The stay-at-home order requires everyone to remain at home with exceptions for essential purposes, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services, for exercise, or for essential work.

The decision was made in response to a doubling in COVID-19 cases over the past two weeks, the real and looming threat of the collapse of the province's hospital system, and alarming risks posed to long-term care homes.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION REMAINS OPEN

Residential construction remains open, however. There are questions on the edges, but RESCON can confirm that any residential construction that has started (effective Jan 12, 2021) can continue to operate:

- **Low-rise:** if a footing has already been issued, construction can continue.
- **High-rise:** Construction can continue if work has been started below grade or above grade

RESCON is still seeking clarity as to whether or not new permits can be issued.

Sales centres and viewings remain appointment only. Maintenance of sites and any safety-related activities can continue in the event that a site is closed due to an outbreak.

Residential/property management staff are deemed essential.