

COVID-19 Data – Movement from Green to Yellow – December 4, 2020 Summary

The following indicators are reviewed weekly by the Ministry of Health to determine the appropriate colour zone as identified in the provincial [COVID-19 Response Framework](#). The public health measures outlined in the Framework can be adjusted, tightened, or loosened based on local COVID-19 trends and case counts. The colour code for each area is reviewed weekly by the Ontario Ministry of Health. The indicators are:

- Epidemiology
- Health System Capacity
- Public Health System Capacity

For HKPR District Health Unit:

- The number of cases reported per 100,000 residents: 13.2/100,000 for the week of November 22nd
- Percent positivity in the previous week: 0.7% for the week of November 22nd
- Reproductive rate of the virus: 1.5% for the week of November 25th
- Health System Capacity: Hospital and ICU capacity are adequate
- Health Unit System Capacity: Case and contact follow up within 24 hours are adequate

Moving to Yellow – Protect Zone

As of 12:01 am Monday, December 7, the HKPR District Health Unit will move into the “Yellow-Protect zone” The Yellow-Protect zone is the second lowest in Ontario’s five-zone COVID-19 Framework. With the move into the Yellow-Protect zone, some of the key changes include:

- Restaurants/bars must close at midnight.
- Alcohol can no longer be sold or served after 11 pm.
- A limit of six people can be seated at one table in restaurants.
- Eateries and other select businesses must keep contact information for all patrons who dine in. Currently, restaurants only had to collect contact information for one person in the party.
- Gyms and fitness clubs must increase spacing between patrons to 3 metres (from 2 metres) in areas with weights or exercise equipment, as well as in exercise/fitness classes.
- The volume of music in stores and businesses must be low enough so a normal conversation is possible, and shouting is not required.
- Most businesses must now complete a [COVID-19 safety plan](#) and make it available upon request.

For more information about the Yellow-Protect zone, visit the HKPR District Health Unit website: www.hkpr.on.ca or by calling 1-866-888-4577.

