

CLASS ORDER

made pursuant to Section 22 (5.0.1) of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*

THIS CLASS ORDER ISSUED AND EFFECTIVE December 12, 2020 12:01 a.m. REPLACES AND SUPERCEDES THE ORDER ISSUED BY DR. LYNN NOSEWORTHY EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 28, 2020 12:00 a.m.

TO: All persons residing in or present in Haliburton County, City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County who:

- (a) are diagnosed with COVID-19; or
- (b) have the signs and symptoms of COVID-19, have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting the results of their test; or
- (c) otherwise have reasonable grounds to believe they have symptoms, even “mild” symptoms of COVID-19; or
- (d) are a close contact of a person identified in (a), (b), or (c); or
- (e) are a parent, or person with responsibilities of a parent, of a person under 16 years of age identified in a., b., c. or d. who resides or is present in Haliburton County, City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County.

I, Dr. Ian Gemmill, Acting Medical Officer of Health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR District Health Unit), order you to take the following actions, **effective 12:01 am on December 12, 2020:**

1. Isolate or quarantine yourself without delay in accordance with instructions provided by the HKPR District Health Unit. This includes remaining in your home or isolation or quarantine facility and keeping away from others. Do not go outside, unless onto a private balcony or enclosed yard where you can avoid close contact with others. Do not leave your property, unless to seek medical treatment. You must not have any visitors into your home except as permitted by HKPR District Health Unit.
2. Remain in isolation or quarantine as directed by the HKPR District Health Unit in accordance with the current Ministry of Health guidelines as amended health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_testing_clearing_cases_guidance.pdf
 - i) If you are a person described in (a.) above, you must remain in isolation for 10 days from symptom onset, provided that, on the 10th day, you have no fever* and your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours, or 10 days from test date if you have had no symptoms; OR

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ii) For 20 days from symptom onset if you have or have had severe illness (i.e., requiring ICU level support) or if you have severe immune compromise, provided that, on the 20th day, you have no fever and your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours or 20 days from your test date if you have had no symptoms. If you have a fever and/or your other symptoms are not improving on the final day of isolation, contact HKPR District Health Unit for direction toll-free at 1-866-888-4577.

iii) If you are a person described in (b.) above, you must remain in isolation until you receive a negative test result, have no fever and your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours. If you receive a positive result, you are then subject to the Order as a person described in a. above.

iv) If you are a person described in (c.) above: If tested, you must remain in isolation until you receive a negative test result, have no fever and your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours. If you receive a positive result, you are then subject to the Order as a person described in (a.) above. If not tested, you must remain in isolation, as stated in 2i) and ii).

v) If you are a person described in (d.) above, you must remain in quarantine for 14 days after the day on which you last had close contact with a person described in paragraph (a.) above. However, if you develop symptoms during this period, you must: If tested, complete the 14 days of quarantine if you receive a negative test result, and on the 14th day have no fever and your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours. If you receive a positive result, you are then subject to the Order as a person described in (a.) above; If not tested, you must remain in quarantine for 14 days.

* No fever means that your temperature is 37.7 degrees Celsius or lower.

3. During the period of isolation or quarantine, conduct yourself in such a manner as not to expose another person to infection or potential infection from COVID-19 by following infection control instructions on the HKPR District Health Unit website, located at: hkpr.on.ca or given to you by the HKPR District Health Unit or any other staff of a healthcare facility to which you may seek or receive treatment.
4. Co-operate fully with HKPR District Health Unit staff for the duration of your COVID-19 isolation or quarantine. This includes participating in phone calls as directed by public health to confirm isolation or quarantine and for ongoing monitoring of your health. Inform your public health nurse immediately if your symptoms worsen.
5. Immediately, as directed by public health, provide HKPR District Health Unit with up-to-date contact information including name, address and phone number for all persons that you have come in contact with during your period of communicability or potential communicability, for COVID-19.
6. The requirements of this Order are subject to necessary modifications for the following persons or class of persons:
 - a) a person or class of persons who, in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health, is an asymptomatic contact and provide an essential service, for the limited purpose of providing that essential service.
 - b) a person receiving essential medical services or treatments, whether or not related to COVID-19; or

- c) where a person's isolation or quarantine, in the opinion of the HKPR District Health Unit, would not be in the public interest.
7. The requirements of this Order are subject to necessary modifications for the following persons or class of persons:
- d) a person or class of persons who, in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health, is an asymptomatic contact and provides an essential service, for the limited purpose of providing that essential service.
 - e) a person receiving essential medical services or treatments, whether or not related to COVID-19; or
 - f) where a person's isolation or quarantine, in the opinion of the HKPR District Health Unit, would not be in the public interest.
8. As provided by Section 23 of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, the terms of the Order apply to all persons under 16 years of age as served upon their parent(s), and any other person(s) who have the responsibilities of a parent, in relation to a person under 16 years of age, who shall ensure compliance with the Order by the person under 16 years of age.

THE REASONS for this ORDER are that:

1. COVID-19 has been designated as communicable under Ontario Regulation 135/18 as amended. COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. As a result of the pandemic, on March 17, 2020, the spread of COVID-19 was declared an emergency in Ontario pursuant to the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.9, as amended, on the basis that COVID-19 constitutes a danger of major proportions; while the Ontario government has since revoked this emergency declaration, emergency orders to address the continued danger presented by the spread of COVID-19 in Ontario remain valid and effective under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID19) Act, 2020*;
2. COVID-19 is now present in Haliburton County, the City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County and therefore poses a risk to the health of the residents through community transmission. The COVID-19 virus is spread from an infected person to a close contact by direct contact, or when respiratory secretions from the infected person enter the eyes, nose or mouth of another person.
3. To contain the spread of COVID-19, individuals experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or who are infected with COVID-19, as well as their close contacts, are required to isolate if they are cases or quarantine themselves if they are contacts from other people until they are no longer infectious or potentially infectious. Isolation and quarantine ensure that these people will not spread their infection to others.

I am of the opinion, on reasonable and probable grounds, that:

- a. a communicable disease exists or may exist or there is an immediate risk of an outbreak of a communicable disease in the health unit served by me;

- b. the communicable disease presents a risk to the health of persons in the health unit served by me; and
- c. the requirements specified in this Order are necessary to decrease or eliminate the risk to health presented by the communicable disease.

I am also of the opinion that the delivery of notice of this Order to each and every member of the class is likely to cause a delay that could significantly increase the risk to the health of any person residing in the HKPR District Health Unit area, so notice shall be provided through the public media and the internet via posting on HKPR District Health Unit's website: hkpr.on.ca.

The following definitions apply to this Order:

"close contact" means you are caring for or living in the same household with someone who has COVID-19 or have otherwise been identified as a close contact by the HKPR District Health Unit.

"Haliburton, Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit" or "HKPR District Health Unit" means the Medical Officer of Health or HKPR District Health Unit staff acting under the direction of the Medical Officer of Health.

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE THAT each member of the class is entitled to a hearing by the Health Services Appeal and Review Board if the member has delivered to me, at the address below, and to the Health Services Appeal and Review Board (HSARB), by e-mail to hsarb@ontario.ca or faxed to the HSARB at 416-327-8524, notice in writing, requesting a hearing within 15 days after publication of this Order or otherwise in accordance with applicable law.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT although a hearing may be requested this Order takes effect when it is delivered to a member of the class or brought to the attention of a member of the class.

FAILURE to comply with this Order is an offence for which you may be liable, on conviction, to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for every day or part of each day on which the offence occurs or continues.



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This Order shall be posted on the HKPR District Health Unit website: hkpr.on.ca

Inquiries about this Order should be directed to the HKPR District Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 ext. 5020