



Dear Employees, Clients, Partners, and Suppliers:

In response to rapid increase in COVID-19 transmission, the threat on the province's hospital system capacity and the increasing risks posed to the public by COVID-19 variants, a declaration of emergency and provincewide stay-at-home order took effect as of Thursday, April 8, at 12:01 a.m. <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/61029/ontario-enacts-provincial-emergency-and-stay-at-home-order>

This puts in place shutdown measures that:

- are the most stringent, to address rapidly escalating conditions, including the spread of variants of concern
- include business closures in higher risk sectors (for example, fitness activities, personal care service establishments, indoor and outdoor dining)

Additionally, Construction throughout Ontario will remain open, however, only for projects deemed essential, as the province pulls 'emergency brake'.

The Ontario government has issued a list of construction projects and activities that are considered essential under expanded emergency orders issued today to deal with the pandemic. The measures are "targeted at stopping the rapid growth in COVID-19 case rates and relieving mounting pressures on the province's health care system," a government statement said.

The new regulations took effect Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 12:01 a.m.

Construction can continue if it is:

- a critical infrastructure project, such as new hospitals, roads and bridges
- residential construction that has already started

Closed:

- non-essential workplaces in the construction sector (for example, shopping malls, hotels and office towers)

Read the [detailed list of essential construction](#), including which types of residential construction projects can proceed.

Continue Protecting Yourself and Your Coworkers:

Covid-19 and its variants are spread through close contact, including at work. Here are some helpful tips to help prevent the spread:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Stay 2m away from others and maintain that separation at all times.
- Wear a mask when indoors, in common areas, or where others are present in closer proximity.
- Sneeze and cough into your sleeve.
- If you use a tissue, discard immediately and wash your hands afterward.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid high-touch areas, where possible, or ensure you clean your hands after.
- Wipe down areas you touch in washrooms and lunchroom areas
- Wash your clothes as soon as you get home.
- If you are ill: notify your supervisor immediately, complete the [self-assessment](#) and follow the instructions you get.
- Where possible, wear gloves when interacting with high-touch areas. Do not touch your face with gloved hands.
- Take care when removing gloves. Ensure you wash your hands after removing them.

Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Sincerely,

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Covid-19 Resources

Resources to prevent COVID-19 in the workplace:

- guide to [developing your COVID-19 workplace safety plan](#)
- resources for the construction sector from the [Infrastructure Health and Safety Association \(IHSA\)](#)
- guidance on [using masks in the workplace](#)
- guidance on [self-isolation and return to work](#)
- resources from relevant industry associations and trade unions

General COVID-19 resources:

- information on the [Ontario Government response to COVID-19](#)
- resources from [Public Health Ontario](#)
- COVID-19 information from the [Government of Canada](#)
- resources from international organizations, such as the [Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

Information on provincial COVID-19 public health and legal requirements:

- [the COVID-19 response frame](#)
- [the Ontario government COVID-19 website](#)
- [find your local public health unit](#)

Supporting posters and worker guidance:

- [posters from the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development](#)