

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ontario Activates Emergency Brake in Sudbury Public Health Region

Immediate action required to interrupt transmission, contain community spread and save lives

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TORONTO — On the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ontario Government is activating an "emergency brake" in the Public Health Sudbury and Districts region, and moving it to the Grey-Lockdown level in the [Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework](#). The decision was made due to the concerning trends in public health indicators and in consultation with the local medical officer of health.

"Implementing an emergency brake to immediately interrupt transmission of COVID-19 is a key component of our government's plan to safely and gradually return public health regions to the Framework," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "We have seen a rapid rise in the case rate in the Sudbury area, and swift action is needed to protect individuals, families and businesses and save lives."

Based on the latest assessment of data, the "emergency brake" is being used to stop the spread, guard against variants and protect public health and health system capacity in the region. From March 3 to 9, 2021, the region's case rate increased by 54.1 per cent to 75.9 cases per 100,000 people.

The public health region will move to **Grey-Lockdown effective Friday, March 12, 2021 at 12:01 a.m.**

"As a result of the rapid deterioration of trends in key indicators, the emergency brake is being applied to move Public Health Sudbury and Districts to Grey-Lockdown to help reduce further spread of the virus in the region," said Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health. "We must remain vigilant in adhering to all public health and workplace safety measures to combat the threat posed by variants of concern."

The Chief Medical Officer of Health will continue to consult with public health and other experts, review data, and provide advice to the government on the appropriate and effective measures that are needed to protect the health of Ontarians.

GREY ZONES - LOCKDOWN

Maximum measures: Widescale actions and restrictions, including closures, to stop or slow the spread.

Always stay home if you have symptoms, physically distance by staying two metres apart from people you don't live with, wear a mask or face covering in indoor public spaces and avoid non-essential travel.

Gatherings and close contact

It is illegal to gather indoors with anyone you do not live with. You must limit contact to your household (the people you live with) and stay at least 2 metres apart from everyone else. Do not visit any other household or allow visitors in your home. If you live alone, you can have close contact with only one other household.

All events and social gatherings:

- Indoors: not allowed, except with members of your household (or one other household if you live alone)
- Outside: 10 people

Religious, wedding and funeral services:

- Indoors: 10 capacity
- Outside: 10 people

Only go out for essential reasons, such as:

- work
- school
- groceries
- pharmacy
- health care
- helping vulnerable people
- exercise and physical activity

Work remotely, where possible.

Rules for all businesses

All open businesses must:

- screen employees (use the [COVID-19 covid 19 Screening Tool for Workplaces](#))

- post signs at all entrances informing people how to screen themselves for COVID-19 before entry
 - limit capacity so guests can stay at least 2 metres apart
 - make sure anyone indoors wears a mask or face covering, including workers who have to come within 2 metres of anyone else (with some [exceptions](#))
 - make sure workers use personal protective equipment (PPE) that protects their eyes, nose and mouth when they have to come within 2 metres of anyone who is not wearing a mask or face covering or separated by plexiglass
 - clean and disinfect often-touched surfaces, such as equipment, washrooms, locker rooms, change rooms and showers frequently
 - manage line ups to make sure customers are at least two metres apart and wearing face coverings or masks
 - create a [safety plan](#), post it in a place where workers and patrons will see it and have it available upon request (for example, to inspectors or law enforcement officers)
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Restaurants, bars and other food and drink establishments

Services available:

- Take-out
- Drive-through
- Delivery service

Closed:

- All indoor and outdoor service
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Sports and recreational fitness facilities

Indoor sports and recreational fitness facilities closed (limited exceptions, for example, day camps and child care).

Outdoor ski, ice and snow recreational amenities open for recreational purposes.

Meeting and event spaces

Closed for meetings and events (limited exceptions, for example child care, mental health and addiction support services).

Stores

In-person shopping available

Capacity limits:

- supermarkets and other stores that primarily sell groceries, convenience stores, pharmacies: 50%
- all other retail (includes discount and big box retailers, liquor stores, hardware stores, garden centres): 25%

Fitting rooms cannot be right next to each other.

Guests must:

- wear a mask or face covering (with some [exceptions](#)) and keep at least 2 metres apart inside and when lining up and gathering outside
 - answer screening questions about COVID-19/covid 19 symptoms and exposure before they come into malls
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Personal care services

Closed

Casinos, bingo halls and gaming establishments

Closed

Cinemas

Only drive-ins allowed.

Performing arts facilities

No audiences allowed.

Rehearsing, recording or broadcasting an event or performance is allowed (for example, streaming a performance to an online audience). Everyone must stay 2 metres away from each other, except when needed for the performance. There must be a barrier (for example, plexiglass) between singers and wind- or brass-instrument players and other performers.