

**Health
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**CLASS ORDER
BY INTERIM MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
RE: COMMUNICABLE DISEASE ISOLATION**

Made pursuant to section 22(5.01) of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, RSO 1990, c H.7.

Date: April 1st, 2020

TO: All persons residing in or present in The Regional Municipality of Peel who:

- a) are identified as a person diagnosed with COVID-19;
- b) have the signs and symptoms of COVID-19, have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting the results of their test;
- c) otherwise have reasonable grounds to believe they have 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 sixteen years of age identified in (a), (b), (c) or (d).

I, **Dr. Lawrence Loh**, Interim Medical Officer of Health for The Regional Municipality of Peel ("Peel Public Health"), pursuant to section 22(5.01) of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* ("HPPA"), ORDER that you take the following actions, effective April 1, 2020, 1800 hours:

1. Confine yourself to your home or isolation facility, in accordance with instructions provided by Peel Public Health, and isolate yourself from others, until you are specifically advised by Peel Public Health that you are permitted to leave your home/isolation facility, or unless you need to obtain emergency medical attention.
2. Remain in isolation until the expiry of a 14-day period that begins on the day on which you first show symptoms, are tested, or are diagnosed with COVID-19, whichever is earliest, or on the last day of close contact, unless otherwise instructed by Peel Public Health, in accordance with the current Ministry of Health guidelines as amended: http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_testing_clearing_cases_guidance.pdf.
3. You may not leave your home or isolation facility for any reason during this period of isolation, unless on to a private balcony or in an enclosed yard on your property where you can avoid close contact with others, or unless you need to seek emergency medical attention. You must not have any visitor into your home or isolation facility except as permitted by Peel Public Health.

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4. Follow the specific advice of Peel Public Health which includes:
 - a) Conduct yourself in such a manner so as not to expose another person to infection or potential infection from COVID-19 by following infection control instructions on the Peel Public Health website located at: <http://peelregion.ca/coronavirus/prevention/>
 - b) Follow the instructions for infection control provided to you by Peel Public Health. Such instructions may include, without limitation, handwashing, changing and disposal of masks, not sharing any dishes, cutlery, or utensils used by you with others, using a separate washroom if available, sleeping in a room by yourself if possible, using separate towels and face cloths, etc.
 - c) Avoid all contact with vulnerable persons, including those who (i) have an underlying medical condition; (ii) have a compromised immune system from a medical condition or treatment; (iii) are 65 years of age or older; or (iv) are reliant upon a homeless shelter or other congregate living setting.
 - d) Avoid contact with household members as much as possible, to prevent their possible exposure. Wear a mask when you need to be in a room with other household members. Change the mask as directed by Peel Public Health.
 - e) Inform Peel Public Health if you have any specific needs while you are subject to these isolation measures, including food, water, accommodation, clothing, appropriate medical treatment, and family or religious arrangements. To do so, contact the Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700, or for Caledon 905-584-2216.
5. Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (for example, you have difficulty breathing). Before seeking medical attention, call your healthcare provider, or your local hospital Emergency Department or call 911, and tell them that you have been diagnosed or are being assessed for COVID-19. You should also attempt to contact Peel Public Health prior to seeking emergency medical attention.
6. As directed, provide Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700, or for Caledon 905-584-2216 with the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all persons with whom you have had close contact during relevant dates.
7. Pursuant to s. 23 of the HPPA, this Order also applies to all persons under sixteen years of age in The Regional Municipality of Peel as served upon the parent, or any other person who has the

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responsibilities of a parent, in relation to the person under sixteen years of age, which persons shall ensure that the order is complied with by the person under sixteen years of age.

8. 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 Interim Medical Officer of Health, is asymptomatic and provides an essential service as defined in Ontario regulation, 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, in the opinion of the Interim Medical Officer of Health, would not be in the public interest.

THE REASONS FOR THIS ORDER ARE THAT:

1. COVID-19 is a disease of public health significance, and a disease that has been designated as communicable under Ontario Regulation 135/18 as amended, and a disease which is communicable from person to person by the COVID-19 virus. COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. The Province of Ontario, The Regional Municipality of Peel, The Corporation of the City of Mississauga, The Corporation of the City of Brampton and The Corporation of the Town of Caledon have all declared an emergency under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. COVID-19 is now present in The Regional Municipality of Peel and therefore poses a risk to the health of the residents of The Regional Municipality of Peel through community transmission.
3. 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.
4. To contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus, individuals experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or who are or may be infected with COVID-19 or who have tested positive for COVID-19 are required to isolate themselves from other people until they are no longer under investigation for COVID-19. Isolation ensures that these people will not spread their infection to others should they have COVID-19 or become ill with COVID-19.

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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 in order 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 to which it is addressed is likely to cause a delay that could significantly increase the risk to the health of any person residing in the health unit served by me, so notice shall be provided through the public media and the internet via posting on the Peel Public Health website at: <http://peelregion.ca/coronavirus/>

TAKE NOTICE THAT in accordance with section 44(1) of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, each member of the class to which this Order is addressed is entitled to a hearing before the Health Services Appeal and Review Board if the class member has delivered to me as below and to the Health Services Appeal and Review Board, 151 Bloor Street West, 9th Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1S4, notice in writing requesting a hearing, within 15 days after service 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.

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FAILURE to comply with this Order is an offence for which any class member 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 Peel Public Health website at:
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Inquiries about this Order should be directed to Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 or for Caledon 905-584-2216.