

June 14, 2021

MEMORANDUM TO: Municipal Chief Administrative Officers and Clerks

SUBJECT: Entering Step One of the Roadmap to Reopen

I am writing to you today to advise that at 12:01 a.m. on June 11, 2021, Ontario has moved into Step One of the Roadmap to Reopen (the “Roadmap”), the Government of Ontario’s three-step plan to safely and cautiously reopen the province and gradually lift public health measures.

Step One of the Roadmap

In order to reopen safely, Step One will initially focus on resuming outdoor activities and permitting retail with restrictions. Public health and workplace safety measures, including maintaining physical distance, capacity limits and wearing face coverings in indoor spaces and whenever physical distancing is a challenge continue to apply in Step One.

See below for a high-level overview of Step One of the Roadmap, which includes, but is not limited to, the following measures. Please refer to [O Reg 82/20](#) for precise requirements:

- outdoor dining up to 4 people per table;
- outdoor fitness classes, personal training and sports training up to 10 patrons. No games or practices permitted;
- essential retail at 25% capacity and discount and big box stores can sell all goods;
- non-essential retail at 15% capacity and can sell all goods;
- retail stores in malls closed unless the stores have a street facing entrance;
- indoor religious services, rites and ceremonies including weddings and funerals at 15% capacity of the room;
- outdoors religious services, rites and ceremonies including weddings and funerals are permitted with capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2 metres;
- horse racing, motor speedways without spectators;
- outdoor pools and wading pools with capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2 metres;

- outdoor zoos, landmarks, historic sites, and botanical gardens with capacity limited to 15% for ticketed areas;
- day camps;
- overnight camping at campgrounds and campsites, including Ontario Parks.

However, I understand that the Medical Officer of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit is implementing a tailored approach to address the unique circumstances occurring in this geography, where COVID-19 cases remain high, at this time. There is specific guidance for those located in the Porcupine Health Unit's jurisdiction, where a more gradual approach to reopening shall occur. For those municipalities in this area, please contact the [Health Unit](#) for more information.

Orders under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA)* and the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*

Except for the closure of public lands for recreational camping which expired on June 11, 2021, as the Province moves into Step One, all other emergency orders currently under the EMCPA will remain in effect until June 16, 2021. Please note, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may further extend emergency orders under the EMCPA for up to 14 days at a time.

As of June 11, 2021, the full list of emergency orders in effect under the EMCPA, pursuant to O. Reg. 25/21, are as follows:

| | Order in Council/Date Made | Current Revocation Date |
|----|--|--------------------------------|
| 1. | Order in Council filed as O. Reg. 8/21 (Enforcement of COVID-19 Measures), made on January 12, 2021 | June 16, 2021 |
| 2. | Order in Council filed as O. Reg. 55/21 (Compliance Orders for Retirement Homes), made on February 5, 2021 | June 16, 2021 |
| 3. | Order in Council filed as O. Reg. 271/21 (Work Redeployment for Local Health Integration Networks and Ontario Health), made on April 9, 2021 | June 16, 2021 |
| 4. | Order in Council filed as O. Reg. 272/21 (Transfer of Hospital Patients), made on April 9, 2021 | June 16, 2021 |
| 5. | Order of Council filed as O. Reg. 293/21 (Persons Entering Ontario from Manitoba or Quebec), made on April 16, 2021 | June 16, 2021 |
| 6. | Order in Council filed as O. Reg. 304/21 (Work Redeployment for Independent Health Facilities), made on April 21, 2021 | June 16, 2021 |
| 7. | Order in Council filed as O. Reg. 305/21 (Regulated Health Professionals), made on April 21, 2021 | June 16, 2021 |
| 8. | Order in Council filed as O. Reg. 317/21 (Agreements Between Health Service Providers and Retirement Homes), made on April 23, 2021 | June 16, 2021 |

In addition, orders made under the ROA will remain in force until June 19, 2021, with the possibility of further extension if approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Enforcement of Orders

For offences under the ROA and EMCPA, police and other provincial offences officers, including First Nation Constables, special constables, and municipal by-law officers, have discretion to either issue tickets to individuals for set fine amounts or issue a summons under Part I of the Provincial Offences Act (POA) or to proceed under Part III of the POA by laying an information.

Police officers and other provincial offences officers have the authority to disperse gatherings or organized public events that are not complying with gathering/event limits and can temporarily close premises where prohibited gatherings or organized public events are occurring and require individuals to vacate.

The ministry continues to work with enforcement ministries and municipalities to collaborate and information share, including through the dedicated 1-800 Enforcement Support Line and email resource at EssentialWorkplacesSupport.SolGen@ontario.ca.

The province will remain in Step One for at least 21 days to evaluate any impacts on key public health and health system indicators. If at the end of the 21 days the province has vaccinated 70 per cent of adults with one dose and 20 per cent of adults with two doses and there are continued improvements in other key public health and health system indicators, the province will move to Step Two of the Roadmap.

Thank you for your dedication and ongoing cooperative efforts to help keep our communities safe and healthy. We have achieved a great deal together against COVID-19 and your work has played a key role in ensuring we can move safely into Step One.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Manson-Smith".

Kate Manson-Smith
Deputy Minister