

**Ontario Extends Emergency Orders to Support Its Reopening Efforts**

*Province Extends the Suspension of Limitation Periods and Time Periods for Legal Proceedings until September*

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TORONTO — The Ontario government, after consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has extended all emergency orders currently in force under s.7.0.2 (4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* until June 19, 2020. Extending these emergency orders will give employers of frontline care providers the necessary flexibility to respond to COVID-19 and protect vulnerable people and the public as the province gradually and safely reopens.

Current emergency orders that have been extended include those that enable frontline care providers to redeploy staff where they are needed most, allow public health units to redeploy or hire staff to support case management and contact tracing, and prohibits long-term care and retirement home employees from working at more than one home or for another health service provider.

"It is critical that we keep these emergency orders in place so we can continue to reopen the province gradually and safely," said Premier Doug Ford. "We are not out of the woods yet, and this deadly virus still poses a serious risk. We encourage businesses to begin preparing to reopen, so when the time comes, they will be able to protect employees, consumers and the general public."

Additionally, due to COVID-19's unprecedented impact on the justice system, the province is extending the suspension of limitation periods and time periods in proceedings until September 11, 2020 under [s.7.1](#) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*. This will ensure people will not experience legal consequences if the original time requirements of their case are not met while this order is in effect. The province is working closely with the courts to ensure operations can resume as soon as it is safely possible.

Anyone who suspects they may have COVID-19, or may have been exposed to the virus, is encouraged to visit an assessment centre to be tested. To help stop the spread, people should practise physical distancing by staying at least two metres apart from anyone outside their immediate household, wash hands thoroughly and frequently, and, if physical distancing is a challenge, wear a face covering.

The following emergency orders under s.7.0.2 (4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* have been extended until June 19, 2020:

- [Closure of Establishments](#)
- [Prohibiting Organized Public Events, Certain Gatherings](#)
- [Work Deployment Measures for Health Care Workers](#)
- [Drinking Water Systems and Sewage Works](#)
- [Electronic Service](#)
- [Work Deployment Measures in Long-Term Care Homes](#)
- [Closure of Places of Non-Essential Businesses](#)
- [Traffic Management](#)
- [Streamlining Requirements for Long-Term Care Homes](#)
- [Prohibition on Certain Persons Charging Unconscionable Prices for Necessary Goods](#)
- [Closure of Outdoor Recreational Amenities](#)
- [Enforcement of Orders](#)
- [Work Deployment Measures for Boards of Health](#)
- [Work Deployment Measures in Retirement Homes](#)
- [Access to COVID-19 Status Information by Specified Persons](#)
- [Service Agencies Providing Services and Supports to Adults with Developmental Disabilities](#)
- [Pickup and Delivery of Cannabis](#)
- [Signatures in Wills and Powers of Attorney](#)
- [Use of Force and Firearms in Policing Services](#)
- [Child Care Fees](#)
- [Agreements Between Health Service Providers and Retirement Homes](#)
- [Temporary Health or Residential Facilities](#)
- [Work Deployment Measures for Service Agencies Providing Violence Against Women Residential Services and Crisis Line Services](#)
- [Limiting Work to a Single Long-Term Care Home](#)
- [Work Deployment Measures for District Social Services Administration Boards](#)
- [Deployment of Employees of Service Provider Organizations](#)
- [Work Deployment Measures for Municipalities](#)
- [Limiting Work to a Single Retirement Home](#)
- [Work Deployment Measures for Mental Health and Addictions Agencies](#)
- [Congregate Care Settings](#)
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- The Government of Ontario declared a provincial emergency on March 17, 2020 under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. This declaration of emergency was [recently extended](#) and is currently in effect until June 30, 2020.

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- See how [your organization can help fight COVID-19](#).
- Information and advice to [help your business navigate the economy during COVID-19](#).
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