

## December 23/20 Update: 28 day Provincial Shutdown Update and MCCSS Directives

Premier Ford announced a provincial shutdown to occur at 12.01 a.m. on December 26th/20 for a 28 day period. Some of the measures include, but are not limited to:

- Restricting indoor organized public events and social gathering, except with members of the same household (the people you live with). Individuals who live alone may consider having exclusive close contact with one other household.
- Prohibiting in person shopping in most retail settings- curbside pick up and delivery can continue. Discount and big box retailers selling groceries will be limited to 25 percent capacity for in store shopping. Supermarkets, grocery stores and similar stores that primarily sell food, as well as pharmacies, will continue to operate at 50 percent capacity for in store shopping.
- Restricting indoor access to shopping malls, patrons may only go to a designated indoor pickup area (by appointment only), essential retail stores that are permitted to be open (e.g. pharmacy, grocery store), or, subject to physical distancing and face coverings requirements, to the food court for takeout purchases. Shopping malls may also establish outdoor designated pick up areas.
- Prohibiting indoor and outdoor dining. Restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments will be permitted to operate by take out, drive through, and delivery only.

.The directives from MCCSS have remained basically the same, as per the December 02/20 updates. Following is a review of the control measures Staff are to abide by:

- All Staff must continue to wear both a surgical/procedure mask and eye protection (face shield or goggles).
- Staff are to continue practicing all IPAC measures (e.g physical distancing, hand hygiene, sanitizing the work location, PPE use).
- Only essential visitors (e.g plumber, electrician, paramedic) may enter congregate locations and are now **required** to wear a surgical/procedure mask and eye protection (Agency can provide as needed).
- In situations where a family member has been deemed essential for the well being of the person supported, visits may occur outside of the congregate living location with physical distancing occurring and surgical/procedure masks and eye protection being **required** (the Agency can provide, as needed). When visits occur at a family member's home, the number of people still needs to not exceed 3 in total.

**Note:** The Chief Medical Officer of Health has advised “ all Ontarians are to stay home as much as possible with trips outside the home limited to necessities such as food, medication, medical appointments, or supporting vulnerable community members.” Therefore, the preference during the 28 day provincial shut down would be for visits not to occur, providing the well being of the person supported is unlikely to be adversely affected.

- Screening requirements remain the same, with the inclusion of notifying essential visitors of the revised PPE requirements.