

Ontario Announces Province-wide Stay-at-Home Order Effective April 8 at Midnight

The Ontario government is immediately declaring a third [provincial emergency](#) under s.7.0.1 (1) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMPCA). The government is issuing a province-wide Stay-at-Home order requiring everyone to remain at home, except for essential purposes, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services (including getting vaccinated), for outdoor exercise, or for work that cannot be done remotely.

Please note that the construction sector is exempt from this order.

As with previous lockdowns and stay-at-home orders, the province will focus its enforcement capabilities on workplaces that remain open, so it is critically important to remain vigilant and closely follow all of the COVID-19 prevention rules, particularly those related to masking, social distancing, and sanitation.

Non-essential workers should remain in their local communities and avoid all non-essential travel. However, individuals will be permitted to travel for work that is deemed essential.

These new measures will remain in place for at least one-month. For information on today's announcement [Click Here](#).

Please continue to refer to sector specific guidelines developed by the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skilled Development in conjunction with the IHSA. For sector-specific guidelines, please [Click Here](#).

If you have any questions about the Provincewide Shutdown, please contact Patrick McManus (905-629-7766 ext. 229 or steven.crombie@oswca.org)