



## CLASS ORDER

made pursuant to Section 22 of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.7


Date: December 30, 2020

**To: All persons residing or present in the area served by the Timiskaming Health Unit who:**

- a) Are a confirmed case or probable case of COVID-19;
- b) Have new symptoms (even mild symptoms) or worsening symptoms of COVID-19, have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting the results of their tests;
- c) Otherwise have reasonable grounds to believe they now have symptoms (even mild symptoms) of COVID-19, or have had such symptoms within the past 10 days; and have not had a COVID test since developing those symptoms;
- d) Are a close contact<sup>1</sup> of a person identified in (a) even if they do not themselves have any symptoms of COVID-19; or
- e) Are a parent, or person with responsibilities of a parent, of a person under 16 years of age in (a), (b), (c), or (d) who resides or is present in the District of Timiskaming.

**I, Dr. Glenn Corneil, Acting Medical Officer of Health for the Timiskaming Health Unit, order you to comply with the following actions:**

1. **Isolate yourself immediately** in accordance with instructions provided by the Timiskaming Health Unit. This includes remaining in your home (in a private room if sharing with roommates) or isolation facility. Do not go outside, unless on to a private balcony or enclosed yard where you can avoid close encounters with others. You must not have any visitors into your home except as permitted by the Timiskaming Health Unit.
2. For (a), (b), and (c) above, remain in isolation until the expiry of the 10-day isolation period of communicability (infectiousness) that begins on the day on which you first show symptoms, are tested, or are diagnosed with COVID-19, whichever is earliest.
3. For (d), remain in isolation even when not displaying any symptoms until the expiry of a 14-day period that begins on the day you were last in close contact with a person identified in (a) above, unless otherwise instructed by the Timiskaming Health Unit. However, if you develop symptoms during this 14-day period, the following apply:
  - a) *If tested*, and you receive a positive result, you are then subject to the Order as a person described in (a) above and remain in isolation for a **new** 10-day period that begins on the day on which you first show symptoms.

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- b) *If tested*, and you receive a negative test result, complete the remaining 14-day period of isolation.
  - c) *If not tested*, you are then subject to the Order as person described in (c) and assume that you may be infected with COVID-19, and remain in self-isolation for a new 10-day period that begins on the day on which you first show symptoms.
4. For (e) above, you are to ensure that the child in (a), (b), (c), or (d) above, for whom you have responsibilities as a parent, follows the directions in this Order which apply to them.
  5. During the self-isolation period, conduct yourself in such a manner as not to expose another person to infection of COVID-19 by following infection control instructions on the Public Health Ontario website located at <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/diseases-and-conditions/infectious-diseases/respiratory-diseases/novel-coronavirus/public-resources>, or given to you by the Timiskaming Health Unit, or any other staff of a healthcare facility to which you may seek or receive treatment.
  6. Inform the Timiskaming Health Unit if you require any help or resources to properly self-isolate or while you are self-isolating such as food, medication, water, accommodation, clothing, appropriate medical treatment, and family or other religious arrangements. To do so, call (705) 647-4305 or toll free at (866)747-4305.
  5. Provide the Timiskaming Health Unit with the names and contact information of individuals that you came into close contact with during relevant dates immediately upon request.
  6. Follow any further instructions provided by the Timiskaming Health Unit pertaining to COVID-19 and the terms and conditions of this Order.
  7. Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (e.g. difficulty breathing) by calling 911 and report your COVID-19-related diagnosis, exposure, and/or symptoms.
  8. The requirements of this Order are subject to necessary modifications for persons or a class or persons, such as:
    - a) A person or class of persons who, in the opinion of the Timiskaming Health Unit, is asymptomatic and is required to provide an essential service\*\*, using mandated PPE for the limited purpose of providing that essential service;
    - b) A person or class of person whose isolation, in the opinion of the Timiskaming Health Unit, would not be in the public interest; or
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- c) A person or class of persons who, for other reasons, as authorized by the Medical Officer of Health or designate, require modifications or this Order.

**\*\*essential service** means clinical health care that would, in the opinion of the Acting Medical Officer of Health, be severely compromised without the availability of the person or class of persons to provide the service.

**THE REASONS FOR THE ORDER ARE THAT:**

1. COVID-19, a disease caused by a novel coronavirus, is designated as a disease of public health significance and a communicable disease pursuant to Ontario Regulation 135/18 under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*. COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. The Province of Ontario has enacted emergency orders under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, and subsequently under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*, as a result of the pandemic.
2. COVID-19 is present in the Timiskaming Health Unit and therefore poses a risk to the health of the residents of the Timiskaming Health Unit through community transmission. The COVID-19 virus is spread from an infected person to an uninfected person by direct contact or from a close encounter where respiratory secretions from the infected person are transmitted to the uninfected person.
3. The COVID-19 period of communicability or infectiousness is understood to be up to 10 days for most people.
4. The COVID-19 incubation period (the period between exposure to an infection and the appearance of the first symptoms) can be up to 14 days.
5. The number of cases and/or deaths continues to rise in the Timiskaming District and Ontario.
6. To contain the spread of COVID-19, individuals experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or who are infected with COVID-19, as well as close contact of individuals infected with COVID-19, are required to isolate themselves from other people until they are no longer deemed infectious or potentially infectious. Isolation is necessary to decrease the risk of spreading their infection to others.

**AND I AM OF THE OPINION, UPON REASONABLE AND PROBABLE GROUNDS:**

1. 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;
2. The communicable disease presents a risk to the health of persons in the Health Unit served by me; and

3. The requirements specified in this Order are necessary in order to decrease or eliminate the risk to health presented by the communicable disease.

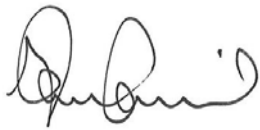
I am also of the opinion that the delivery of notice of this Order to each and every member of this class to whom it is directed is likely to cause a delay that could significantly increase the risk to the health of any person residing in the jurisdiction of the Timiskaming Health Unit. Therefore, notice shall be provided through the public media and the internet via posting at: [www.timiskaminghu.com](http://www.timiskaminghu.com).

**NOTICE:**

**TAKE NOTICE THAT**, each member of the class to whom this Order is directed is entitled to a hearing by the Health Services Appeal and Review Board if the member has delivered notice in writing to me and to the Health Services Appeal and Review Board (Health Board Secretariat, 151 Bloor Street West, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, ON, M5S 2T5), requesting a hearing within 15 days after publication of this Order.

**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.

**FAILURE** to comply with this Order is an offence for which you may be liable to a set fine of \$880.00 (ticket), or not more than \$5,000 for every day or part of each day on which the offence occurs or continues to occur, on conviction.



Dr. Glenn Corneil, B.Sc., M.D., C.C.F.P., F.C.F.P.  
Acting Medical Officer of Health/Chief Executive Officer

<sup>i</sup> **Close Contact** means a person who, within the past 14 days, has had a high-risk exposure to a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case. For example, a person who:

- Lived with or otherwise had close, unprotected and prolonged contact, e.g. within 2 metres (6 feet) for more than 15 minutes, with a confirmed case of COVID-19 during their period of communicability (infectiousness);
  - **Unprotected** means without appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). Appropriate PPE is using both medical-grade surgical/procedural mask and protective eyewear. A non-medical mask or face covering is not PPE.
- Has been identified by Timiskaming Health Unit or another public health unit as a close contact.