

April 7, 2021

Dear business owner/operator,

I am writing to inform you of the province's new stay-at-home order and increased public health measures under the provincewide shutdown. These changes come into effect at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, April 8.

I would like to highlight a few key points from the provincial government's <u>media release</u> (Click here for <u>French</u>). We will share the full framework, regulation, and stay-at-home order when they are available.

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Anyone who can work from home must do so. The government has issued a provincewide 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), outdoor exercise, or work that cannot be done remotely.

Additional restrictions will be in place for retail settings. Measures include, but are not limited to:

- The majority of non-essential retailers are restricted to only operate for curbside pick-up and delivery, via appointment, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., with delivery of goods to patrons permitted between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- Indoor shopping malls are restricted to limited specified purposes, including access for curbside pick-up and delivery, via appointment, with one designated pickup location inside the shopping mall. Multiple curbside pickup locations may be available outside the shopping mall.
- Discount and big box stores in-person retail sales are restricted to grocery items, pet care supplies, household cleaning supplies, pharmaceutical items, health care items, and personal care items only.
- Outdoor garden centres and plant nurseries, and indoor greenhouses that engage in sales to the public, may operate with a 25 per cent capacity limit. Businesses are permitted to be open between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- The following stores may operate for in-person retail by appointment only, with a maximum of 25 per cent capacity. Businesses are permitted to be open between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. with the delivery of goods to patrons permitted between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m.:
 - Safety supply stores;
 - Businesses that primarily sell, rent or repair assistive devices, aids or supplies, mobility devices, aids or supplies or medical devices, aids or supplies;
 - Rental and leasing services including automobile, commercial and light industrial machinery and equipment rental;
 - Optical stores that sell prescription eyewear to the public;
 - Businesses that sell motor vehicles, boats and other watercraft;
 - Vehicle and equipment repair and essential maintenance and vehicle and equipment rental services;

Retail stores operated by a telecommunications provider or service, which may only
permit members of the public to enter the premises to purchase a cellphone or for
repairs or technical support.

If you have any questions, please refer to the links above or contact the Timiskaming Health Unit at 1-866-747-4305.

Sincerely,

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