

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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All the best wishes for a Happy New Year!

Information on Province Wide Lockdown

The province-wide lockdown for Ontario is now underway.

Ontario's province-wide lockdown began Dec. 26, which means all health units across the province are now under the same restrictions for a minimum period of 14 days for northern Ontario and 28 days for southern Ontario.

The former colour zone framework has been paused for the duration that the new measures are in effect.

But what do these new restrictions look like?

Here's what you need to know:

Public events and gatherings

- Indoor events and gatherings are not permitted, except with members of the same household. Ontarians who live alone may combine with one other household.
- Ten people are permitted for outdoor gatherings.

Schools and childcare

- Elementary and secondary schools across the province will be moving to remote learning on Jan. 4, once the winter break ends.
- Secondary schools in other regions will resume on Jan. 25.
- Child care centres and services will remain open.
- During the week of virtual learning (Jan. 4-8) child care centres will not be permitted to serve school-age children and before- and after-school programs will be closed.
- Post-secondary institutions will continue virtual learning. Any in-person lessons or exams will be permitted for 10 people or less, with some exceptions.



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Business and retail

- Supply chain businesses will remain open.
- Short-term rentals can be provided to those in need of housing.
- Pharmacies and stores that primarily sell food will be open for in-person, socially-distanced shopping at 50 per cent capacity.
- Big box retailers that sell food can remain open with social distancing at 25 per cent capacity.
- Liquor and beer stores can operate at 25 per cent capacity and social distancing.
- Shopping malls are closed but can arrange for curbside pickup.
- Hardware stores, pet food stores and other retail will remain closed with curbside pickup or delivery permitted.

Restaurants and bars

- Restaurants and bars will remain closed with take-out, drive-thru and delivery permitted.

Arts, sports and entertainment

- Gyms and recreational facilities will remain closed.
- Outdoor recreational facilities will remain open.
- Concert venues, theatres and cinemas will remain closed to spectators with no drive-thru or drive-in events permitted.
- Museums, zoos and aquariums will remain closed.

Other services

- Rental and leasing services will remain open by appointment only.
- Vehicle repair services will remain open by appointment only.
- Veterinary services can serve customers via curbside pickup and animal drop off.
- Community centres can open for child care, recreational and skill building programs, mental health and addiction services and social services.
- Banks will remain open.
- Maintenance services can continue.
- Community services will continue.
- Transportation services, manufacturing, agriculture and food production and construction will continue.

Hello Gignul, Madawan and Carmen Tenants,

As Eve has now retired, I will be replacing her as the new Administrative Assistant. My name is Shawnee Wannamaker and I am very excited to meet you all and ring in the New Year together.

Stay Safe!

-- Shawnee Wannamaker

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When calling the office, please be sure to listen to all of the phone prompts before dialling the proper extensions.

All Maintenance Requests can be taken by Shawnee, the Administrative Assistant at ext 221.



Socially Distanced Activities and Getting Outside

GETTING OUTSIDE

There are opportunities to celebrate the season outside the home, too.

“Go sledding or ice skating, or take a wintry walk or hike,” the blog post said. “Remember to stay masked and distanced.”

The CDC suggests people who live in areas that get snow “hold a snowman or snow angel contest with neighbors”

While outside, experts say another option is to walk or drive around to check out holiday lights. Some communities this year are offering displays that can be appreciated without leaving the car.

Before going to in-person religious services, volunteer opportunities and Santa visits, the CDC recommends people consider safety precautions to help reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

Facetime/video chat your family

GETTING OUTSIDE

SOCIALLY DISTANCED ACTIVITIES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bake some cookies/brownies • Hot cocoa and a family film • Make some fresh soup or chilli | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go sledding • Make snow angels • Take a wintry walk or hike | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build a snowman or snow fort Ice skating |
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HOW TO PREVENT FROZEN PIPES

🔗 Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.

🔗 Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals up out of the reach of children.

🔗 When the weather is very cold outside, let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe - even at a trickle helps prevent pipes from freezing.

🔗 Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. By temporarily sus-

pending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.

🔗 If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.



Recipe of the Month

Brownie Kiss Cupcakes

Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup baking cocoa
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 9 milk chocolate kisses



Directions:

Step One: In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, 5-7 minutes. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Combine the flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt; gradually add to the creamed mixture and mix well.

Step Two: Fill muffin cups two-thirds full. Place a chocolate kiss, end tip down, in the centre of each.

Step Three: Bake at 350° until top of brownie springs back when lightly touched, 20-25 minutes.

Most Importantly, HAVE FUN!

Joke Corner

Some astronauts wanted to have a New Year's party on the moon, but they didn't planet in time.

