

CLASS ORDER

**Made pursuant to Section 22 (5.0.1) of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*,
R.S.O. 1990, c.H.7, as amended**

DATE: October 23, 2020

ISSUED TO: All persons residing or present in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent who:

- a) are identified as a person diagnosed with COVID-19;**
- b) have signs and/or symptoms compatible with COVID-19, have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting the results of their test;**
- c) otherwise have reasonable grounds to believe they have one or more symptoms of COVID-19; or**
- d) are a close contact* of a person identified in (a), (b) or (c).**

*** "close contact" means you are caring for or living in the same household with someone who has COVID-19 or have otherwise been identified as a close contact by the Medical Officer of Health or Chatham-Kent Public Health staff acting under the direction of the Medical Officer of Health ("Chatham-Kent Public Health")**

I, DR. DAVID COLBY, MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT, ORDER YOU TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS, THIS ORDER BEING EFFECTIVE AS OF TODAY'S DATE:

- 1. Comply, in good faith, with COVID-19 screening measures implemented by businesses, institutions, schools, child care settings, or organizations pursuant to the direction, instruction, or guidance of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education, the Medical Officer of Health and/or the Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit.**
- 2. Isolate yourself without delay in accordance with instructions provided by Chatham-Kent Public Health.**

3. Remain in isolation until the expiry of a 14-day period that begins on the day on which you first show symptoms, are tested, or are diagnosed with COVID-19, whichever is earliest, or on the last day of close contact, unless otherwise instructed by Chatham-Kent Public Health in accordance with the current Ministry of Health guidelines.
4. 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 Chatham-Kent Public Health website, located at: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>, or given to you by Chatham-Kent Public Health or any other staff of a healthcare facility to which you may seek or receive treatment.
5. Keep away from vulnerable persons including persons who have an underlying medical condition, compromised immune system from a medical condition or treatment, person 60 years of age or older, or person who is reliant upon a homeless shelter or other congregate living setting.
6. Inform Chatham-Kent Public Health if you require any help or resources to properly self isolate or while you are self-isolating such as food, water, accommodation, clothing, appropriate medical treatment and family or other religious arrangements. To do so, contact Chatham-Kent Public Health at (519) 355-1071 ext. 1900.
7. Provide Chatham-Kent Public Health with the names and contact information of close contacts during relevant dates immediately upon request.
8. Follow any further instructions provided by Chatham-Kent Public Health pertaining to COVID-19 and the terms and conditions of this Order.
9. Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (e.g. difficulty breathing by calling 911) and mention your COVID-19 related diagnosis or symptoms
10. The requirements of this Order are subject to necessary modifications for the following persons or class of persons: a) a person or class of persons who, in the opinion of the Chatham-Kent Public Health is asymptomatic and provides an essential service, for the limited purpose of providing that essential service; b) a person receiving essential medical services or treatments, whether or not related to COVID-19; or c) where a person's isolation, in the opinion of Chatham-Kent Public Health, would not be in the public interest.

THE REASONS FOR THIS ORDER ARE:

Under Section 22 (5.0.1) of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, a medical officer of health may make an order to a class of persons who reside or are present in the

health unit served by the Medical Officer of Health to take or to refrain from taking any action that is specified in the order in respect of a communicable disease.

Based on data available to the Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit, I, Dr. David Colby, Medical Officer of Health for the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, am of the opinion that:

- a) COVID-19 is present in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and therefore poses a risk to the health of the residents of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent through community transmission. The COVID-19 virus is spread from an infected person to a close contact by direct contact or from respiratory secretions from the infected person.
- b) To contain the spread of COVID-19, individuals experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or who are infected with COVID-19, as well as their close contacts, are required to isolate themselves from other people until they are no longer infectious or potentially infectious. Isolation ensures that these people will not spread their infection to others.
- c) The requirements specified in this Order are necessary in order to decrease or eliminate the risk to health presented by the communicable disease.
- d) The measures specified in this Order are necessary in order to decrease or eliminate the risks to health associated with the COVID-19.

I am also of the opinion that the delivery of notice of this Order to each and every member of the class is likely to cause a delay that could significantly increase the risk to the health of any person residing in the health unit, so notice shall be provided through the public media and the internet via posting on the Chatham-Kent Public Health website: www.ckphu.com.

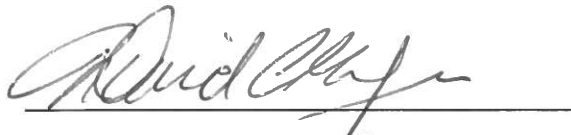
NOTICE

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 (at the address below) and to the Health Services Appeal and Review Board (at 151 Bloor Street West, 9th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1S4) requesting a hearing within 15 days after publication of this Order or otherwise in accordance with applicable law.

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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 under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* for which you may be liable, on conviction, to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 (for a person) or not more than that \$25,000.00 (for a corporation) for every day or part of each day on which the offence occurs or continues.



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