

COVID-19 RESOURCE FOR CHARITIES & NFPS

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT EXTENDS COVID-19 RESPONSE ORDERS

DECEMBER 14, 2020

MORE PUBLIC HEALTH REGIONS moved into lockdown today after a December 11, 2020 [announcement](#) by the Ontario government. This announcement was preceded by a December 10, 2020 [announcement](#) that all orders currently in force under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* (“Reopening Ontario Act”) would be extended until January 20, 2021. Under the Reopening Ontario Act sections 2 and 3, the provincial government may file regulations to extend orders for periods of 30 days.

O Reg 363/20: *Stages of Reopening*, amended by Ontario Regulation 737/20 on December 11, 2020, updates the classification of all public health units across Ontario in accordance with the province’s policy framework introduced last month, the [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#) (the “COVID-19 Framework”), discussed in a previous [COVID-19 Resource for Charities & NFPS](#), that divides the three regulatory “Stages of Reopening” into five colour-coded zones based on severity of restrictions.

As of 12:01 a.m. December 14, 2020, health units across Ontario fall into the respective zones, as follows:

Green Zone of Stage 3

1. The District of Algoma Health Unit.
2. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit.
3. Porcupine Health Unit.
4. Renfrew County and District Health Unit.
5. Timiskaming Health Unit.

Yellow Zone of Stage 3

1. Chatham-Kent Health Unit.
2. Grey Bruce Health Unit.
3. Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.
4. Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Unit.
5. Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox and Addington Health Unit.
6. Lambton Health Unit.
7. Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit.
8. Northwestern Health Unit.
9. Peterborough County — City Health Unit.
10. Sudbury and District Health Unit.

Orange Zone of Stage 3

1. Brant County Health Unit.
2. City of Ottawa Health Unit.
3. The Eastern Ontario Health Unit.
4. Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit.
5. Huron Perth Health Unit.
6. Niagara Regional Area Health Unit.
7. Oxford Elgin St. Thomas Health Unit.
8. Thunder Bay District Health Unit.

Red Zone - Stage 2

1. City of Hamilton Health Unit.
2. Durham Regional Health Unit.
3. Halton Regional Health Unit.
4. Middlesex-London Health Unit.
5. Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.
6. Waterloo Health Unit.
7. Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit.

Grey-Lockdown Zone - Stage 1¹

1. City of Toronto Health Unit.
2. Peel Regional Health Unit.
3. Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.
4. York Regional Health Unit.

For more information on the specific regulations for each Stage, see the Carters [Charity & NFP Law Bulletin No. 480](#).

To discuss how this may impact your charity or not-for-profit, call us toll-free at 1-877-942-0001 or email tcarter@carters.ca.

¹ While Ontario Regulation 363/20: *Stages of Reopening* does not describe Stage 1 as “Grey-Lockdown Zone”, the Stage 1 zone is colour-coded grey and labelled “Lockdown-Grey” in Ontario’s COVID-19 Response Framework, <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-response-framework-keeping-ontario-safe-and-open>