

NEW ONTARIO COVID-19 RESPONSE FRAMEWORK

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The Ontario government has filed amending regulations under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act* (“Reopening Act”) as of November 6, 2020. As previously [announced](#) on November 3, 2020, the amending regulations introduce the provincial government’s [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open \(the “New Framework”\)](#). The New Framework, subject to the extension of orders set to expire on November 21, 2020, categorizes public health units throughout the province in colour-coded zones depending on trends and levels of community transmission of COVID-19. As such, the New Framework provides the following five colour-coded zones: 1. Green – Prevent (Standard Measures); 2. Yellow – Protect (Strengthened Measures); 3. Orange – Restrict (Intermediate Measures); 4. Red – Control (Stringent Measures); and 5. Grey - Lockdown (Maximum Measures).

In this regard, the following regulations filed as of November 6, 2020 under the Reopening Act have been amended.

1. [Stages of Reopening \(O. Reg. 363/20\)](#) is amended to provide that the City of Toronto Health Unit and the Peel Regional Health Unit will be in Stage 2 until November 14, 2020, with the City of Toronto Health Unit moving to Stage 3 on November 14, 2020. This regulation also classifies the areas in Stage 3 into zones Green, Yellow and Orange as follows:

Green Zone of Stage 3

1. Chatham-Kent Health Unit.
2. The District of Algoma Health Unit.
3. Grey Bruce Health Unit.
4. Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

5. Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Unit.
6. Huron Perth Health Unit.
7. Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox and Addington Health Unit.
8. Lambton Health Unit.
9. Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit.
10. Middlesex-London Health Unit.
11. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit.
12. Northwestern Health Unit.
13. Oxford Elgin St. Thomas Health Unit.
14. Peterborough County — City Health Unit.
15. Porcupine Health Unit.
16. Renfrew County and District Health Unit.
17. Sudbury and District Health Unit.
18. Thunder Bay District Health Unit.
19. Timiskaming Health Unit.
20. Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.

Yellow Zone of Stage 3

1. Brant County Health Unit.
2. City of Hamilton Health Unit.
3. Durham Regional Health Unit.
4. The Eastern Ontario Health Unit.
5. Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit.
6. Halton Regional Health Unit.
7. Niagara Regional Area Health Unit.
8. Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.
9. Waterloo Health Unit.
10. Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit.

Orange Zone of Stage 3

1. City of Ottawa Health Unit.

2. York Regional Health Unit.
3. City of Toronto Health Unit (only starting on November 14, 2020).

2. [Rules for Areas in Stage 2 \(O. Reg. 263/20\)](#) is amended to include details about the requirement to provide a “safety plan” and other public health and safety measures applicable to a person responsible for a business or place that is open. Of note, there are no changes to social gatherings associated with a wedding, a funeral or a religious service, rite or ceremony.
3. [Rules for Areas in Stage 3 \(O. Reg. 364/20\)](#) is amended to add specific requirements, conditions, rules or other restrictions applicable to each of zones Green, Yellow and Orange. Of note, there are no changes to social gatherings associated with a wedding, a funeral or a religious service, rite or ceremony.

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