

COVID-19 RESOURCE  
FOR CHARITIES & NFPs

## ONTARIO TRANSITIONING TO MODIFIED COLOUR-CODED RESPONSE FRAMEWORK

FEBRUARY 17, 2021

Following the February 12, 2021 provincial government [announcement](#), effective February 16, 2021, the Ontario government transitioned 27 public health regions out of the shutdown and into a modified [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#) (the “Framework”). As such, the Stay-at-Home Order filed as Ontario Regulation 11/21 under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (the “EMCPA”),<sup>1</sup> which had extended the order until February 22, 2021, was revoked for the 27 public health units effective February 16, 2021 pursuant to Ontario Regulation 25/21: *Extension of Orders* under the EMCPA. Four separate Stay-at-Home Orders set to be revoked on February 22, 2021, unless extended, have been filed under the EMCPA with application to the City of Toronto, North Bay Parry Sound District, Peel Regional and York Regional Health Units.

On February 16, 2021, as part of the Framework, the Ontario government filed the latest amendments to regulations under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* (“ROA”),<sup>2</sup> namely: [Ontario Regulation 82/20: Rules for Areas in Stage 1](#), [Ontario Regulation 263/20: Rules for Areas in Stage 2](#), and [Ontario Regulation 364/20: Rules for Areas in Stage 3](#). The designation of which health units are in each stage of reopening under the Framework is established in [Ontario Regulation 363/20: Stages of Reopening](#), as follows:

**Shutdown Zone of Stage 1:**

1. City of Toronto Health Unit.
2. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit.
3. Peel Regional Health Unit.
4. York Regional Health Unit.

<sup>1</sup> RSO 1990, c E.9.

<sup>2</sup> SO 2020, c 17.

## **Grey Zone of Stage 1**

1. Niagara Regional Area Health Unit.

## **Red Zone of Stage 2**

1. Chatham-Kent Health Unit.
2. City of Hamilton Health Unit.
3. Durham Regional Health Unit.
4. Halton Regional Health Unit.
5. Middlesex-London Health Unit.
6. Oxford Elgin St. Thomas Health Unit.
7. Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.
8. Thunder Bay District Health Unit.
9. Waterloo Health Unit.
10. Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit.
11. Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.

## **Green Zone of Stage 3**

1. Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Unit.
2. Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox and Addington Health Unit.
3. Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit.
4. Renfrew County and District Health Unit.
5. Timiskaming Health Unit.

## **Yellow Zone of Stage 3**

1. The District of Algoma Health Unit.
2. Grey Bruce Health Unit.
3. Northwestern Health Unit.
4. Peterborough County — City 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. Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.
6. Huron Perth Health Unit.
7. Lambton Health Unit.
8. Porcupine Health Unit.
9. Sudbury and District Health Unit.

The government announcement also stated that public health regions will stay in their level for at least two weeks for the government to assess the impact of public health and workplace safety measures to determine whether or not a region may be moved to a different stage of reopening.

For further information about how this may impact your charity or not-for-profit, call us toll-free at 1-877-942-0001 or email [tcarter@carters.ca](mailto:tcarter@carters.ca).



**Carters Professional Corporation / Société professionnelle Carters**

Barristers · Solicitors · Trademark Agents / Avocats et agents de marques de commerce

[www.carters.ca](http://www.carters.ca)   [www.charitylaw.ca](http://www.charitylaw.ca)   [www.antiterrorismlaw.ca](http://www.antiterrorismlaw.ca)

Toronto · Ottawa · Orangeville

**Toll Free: 1-877-942-0001**

**DISCLAIMER:** This is a summary of current legal issues provided as an information service by Carters Professional Corporation. It is current only as of the date of the summary and does not reflect subsequent changes in the law. The summary is distributed with the understanding that it does not constitute legal advice or establish a solicitor/client relationship by way of any information contained herein. The contents are intended for general information purposes only and under no circumstances can be relied upon for legal decision-making. Readers are advised to consult with a qualified lawyer and obtain a written opinion concerning the specifics of their particular situation.

© 2021 Carters Professional Corporation