

CLASS ORDER

made pursuant to Section 22(5.0.1) of the Health Protection and Promotion Act

Date: November 12, 2021

TO: All persons residing in or present in Hastings and Prince Edward Counties who:

- (a) are a confirmed case or probable case of COVID-19;
- (b) have new symptoms (even mild symptoms) or worsening symptoms of COVID-19, have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting the results of their test;
- (c) otherwise have reasonable grounds to believe they now have symptoms (even mild symptoms) of COVID-19, or have had such symptoms within the past 10 days; or
- (d) are a close contact of a person identified in a., even if they do not themselves have any symptoms of COVID-19.

I, Ethan Toumishey, Acting Medical Officer of Health for Hastings Prince Edward Public Health (HPEPH), order you to take the following actions, **effective at 11:59 am on November 13, 2021:**

1. **Isolate yourself without delay** in accordance with instructions provided by Hastings Prince Edward Public Health. This includes remaining in your home or isolation facility and keeping away from others. Do not go outside, unless on to a private balcony or enclosed yard where you can avoid close contact with others. You must not have any visitors into your home except as permitted by Hastings Prince Edward Public Health.
2. Remain in isolation:
 - i. **If you are a person described in a. above**, you must remain in self-isolation:
 - ♦ For 10 days from symptom onset as long as on the 10th day, you have no fever and your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours, or 10 days from test date if you have had no symptoms; or
 - ♦ For 20 days from symptom onset if you have or have had severe illness (i.e. requiring ICU level support) or if you have severe immune

compromise as long as on the 20th day, you have no fever and your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours or 20 days from your test date if you have had no symptoms. If you have a fever and/or your other symptoms are not improving on the final day of isolation, contact HPEPH at 613-966-5500 or 1-800-267-2803. “No fever” means that your temperature is 37.7 degrees Celsius or lower.

- ii. **If you are a person described in b. above**, you must remain in self-isolation until you receive a negative test result, have no fever and your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours. If you receive a positive result, you are then subject to the Order as a person described in a. above.
- iii. **If you are a person described in c. above:**
 - ♦ ***If tested***, you must remain in self-isolation until you receive a negative test result, have no fever and your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours. If you receive a positive result, you are then subject to the Order as a person described in a. above.
 - ♦ ***If not tested***, you must remain in self-isolation:
 - For 10 days from symptom onset as long as on the 10th day, you have no fever and your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours, or 10 days from test date if you have had no symptoms; or
 - For 20 days from symptom onset if you have or have had severe illness (i.e. requiring ICU level support) or if you have severe immune compromise as long as on the 20th day, you have no fever and your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours or 20 days from your test date if you have had no symptoms.
- iv. **If you are a person described in d. above**, you must remain in self-isolation for *10 days* after the day on which you last had close contact with a person described in paragraph a. above. However, if you develop symptoms during this period, you must:
 - ♦ ***If tested***, complete the 10 days of self-isolation if you receive a negative test result, and on the 10th day have no fever and your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours. If you receive a positive result, you are then subject to the Order as a person described in a. above.
 - ♦ ***If not tested***, remain in self-isolation:
 - For 10 days from symptom onset as long as on the 10th day, you no fever and your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours; or
 - For 20 days from symptom onset if you have or have had severe illness (i.e. requiring ICU level support) or if you have severe immune

compromise as long as on the 20th day, you have no fever and your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours.

3. During the self-isolation period, conduct yourself in such a manner as not to expose another person to infection or potential infection from COVID-19 by following infection control instructions on the HPEPH website, located at <https://hpepublichealth.ca/the-novel-coronavirus-2019ncov/> or given to you by Hastings Prince Edward Public Health or any other staff of a health care facility to which you may seek or receive treatment.
4. Keep away from vulnerable persons.
5. Inform Hastings Prince Edward Public Health if you require any necessities or additional medical care. In particular, inform your Hastings Prince Edward Public Health caseworker or contact the Hastings Prince Edward Public Health Intake Line for COVID-19 at 613-966-5500.
6. Follow any further instructions provided by Hastings Prince Edward Public Health pertaining to COVID-19 and the terms and conditions of this Order. Should you require a clinical assessment, contact by telephone, either your primary care provider's office or Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797- 0000. If you need additional assessment, your primary care provider or Telehealth Ontario will direct you to in-person care options
7. Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (e.g. difficulty breathing) by calling 911 and inform them of your COVID-19 related diagnosis or symptoms.
8. Co-operate fully with HPEPH for the remainder of your COVID-19 isolation. This includes participating in phone calls as directed by public health to confirm isolation and for ongoing monitoring of your health.
9. Provide Hastings Prince Edward Public Health with the names and contact information of individuals that you came into close contact with and employer information and nature of employment during relevant dates immediately upon request.
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 Medical Officer of Health or delegate 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 Hastings Prince Edward Public Health, would not be in the public interest.

THE REASONS for this ORDER are that:

1. COVID-19 is a disease of public health significance and has been designated as communicable under Ontario Regulation 135/18 as amended. COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. The Province of Ontario and Hastings and Prince Edward Counties have declared an emergency under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act as a result of the pandemic.
2. COVID-19 is now present in Hastings and Prince Edward Counties and therefore poses a risk to the health of the residents of Hastings and Prince Edward Counties through community transmission. The COVID-19 virus is spread from an infected person to a close contact by direct contact or when respiratory secretions from the infected person enter the eyes, nose or mouth of another person.
3. 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 these people will not spread their infection to others.

I am of the opinion, on reasonable and probable grounds that:

- a) a communicable disease exists or may exist or there is an immediate risk of an outbreak or a communicable disease in the health unit served by me;
- b) the communicable disease presents a risk to the health of persons in the health unit served by me; and
- c) the requirements specific in this Order are necessary in order to decrease or eliminate the risk to health presented by the communicable disease.

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 Hastings and Prince Edward Counties, so notice shall be provided through the public media and the internet via posting on the Hastings Prince Edward Public Health website: <https://hpepublichealth.ca/the-novel-coronavirus-2019ncov/>.

The following definitions apply to this Order:

"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 Hastings Prince Edward Public Health.

"Hastings Prince Edward Public Health" means the Medical Officer of Health or delegate or Hastings Prince Edward Public Health staff acting under the direction of the Medical Officer of Health or delegate.

"vulnerable person" includes a person who:

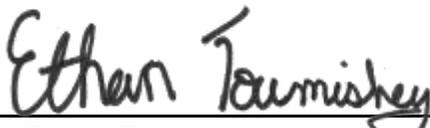
- (i) has an underlying medical condition;
- (ii) has a compromised immune system from a medical condition or treatment;
- (iii) is 65 years of age or older; or
- (iv) is reliant upon a homeless shelter or other congregate living setting.

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE THAT each member of the class is entitled to a hearing by the Health Services Appeal and Review Board if the member has delivered to me and to the Health Services Appeal and Review Board, 151 Bloor Street West, 9th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1S4, notice in writing, requesting a hearing within 15 days after publication of this Order or otherwise in accordance with applicable law.

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 for which you may be liable, on conviction, to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for every day or part of each day on which the offence occurs or continues.



Dr. Ethan Toumishey, MD, MPH, CCFP, FRCPC
Medical Officer of Health and CEO
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health

This Order shall be posted on the Hastings Prince Edward Public Health website:
<https://hpepublichealth.ca/the-novel-coronavirus-2019ncov/>.

Inquiries about this Order should be directed to the Hastings Prince Edward Public Health COVID-19 Intake Line at 613-966-5500.