

May 6, 2020

AMO COVID-19 Update – Emergency Orders Extended to May 19th, CMOH Direction on Seasonal Residences, More Businesses to Open

Extended Emergency Orders

The Ontario government is extending all emergency orders that have been put in place to date under s.7.0.2 (4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* until **May 19, 2020** based on the [advice of Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health](#).

Chief Medical Officer of Health’s Direction on Seasonal Residences

On May 3, Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, provided [his recommendation](#) to local Medical Officers of Health on access to secondary residences. His recommendation is to not prohibit access to secondary residences through legal order, but he will continue to provide public communications that discourage their use. He further recommends that local medical officers of health do not issue Section 22 class orders under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* (HPPA) prohibiting access to these residences. AMO became aware of the memo yesterday and then received a copy of it from the Ministry of Health.

Additional Businesses to Open

The Premier announced that [select businesses](#) can reopen as long as they comply with all public health measures and safety guidelines. This includes garden centres and nurseries, hardware stores, retail stores with a street entrance (via curbside pickup), and central and residential construction sites and related demolition work. Opening dates will begin this Friday, May 8.

AMO’s [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.