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## AMO Policy Update – New Stage 3 Restrictions

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The Ontario government has amended order [O. Reg 364/20](#): Rules for Areas in Stage 3 under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*, to tighten [public health measures](#) in response to the recent rise in cases of COVID-19.

Recently, Ontario has experienced an increase in the rate of new COVID-19 cases and these Stage 3 changes have been made to reduce the community transmission and outbreaks being observed.

This amended order will apply province-wide effective 12:01 a.m. on Saturday September 26 and will:

- apply additional measures and restrictions to restaurants, bars, and other food and drink establishments (including nightclubs) by prohibiting the sale of alcohol after 11 p.m., and prohibiting the consumption of alcohol on the premises after 12:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. (including employees), and requiring establishments to close by 12:00 a.m. and remain closed until 5:00 a.m. except for takeout or delivery;
- close all strip clubs across the province; and
- require businesses or organizations to comply with any advice, recommendations, and instructions issued by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health on screening for COVID-19, including screening individuals who wish to enter their premises.

Additionally, the Province will continue to work with the municipal sector and other partners to encourage increased enforcement of existing businesses, facilities, workplaces, etc. to comply with all public health and workplace safety measures and restrictions in the Stage 3 regulation.

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