

FAQ: Updated Instructions and Toolkit

What are the changes in the updated Instructions?

- Summary of changes:
 - Legislation references updated to reflect the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020 and associated regulations, in particular Ontario Regulation 364/20 Rules for Areas in Stage 3.
 - Clear wording on requirements, specifically the requirement to actively screen employees and requirements for masks in non-publically accessible areas
 - Update on enforcement options: “Enforcement measures include focusing on education, however, pursuant to the ROA, people and businesses who do not comply with the above-noted requirements may be fined where significant non-compliance concerns are identified.”
 - Addition of process around end date and review of Instructions. (See below)
 - These Instructions will be reviewed regularly by Huron Perth Public Health. These Instructions will remain in effect until further notice from Huron Perth Public Health; any decision on an end date will depend on whether legislation still calls for adherence to public health advice, recommendations and instructions, and whether there is still evidence of virus transmission.

Why were these changes made?

- Changes were made due to the creation of the ROA and to provide clearer direction to businesses and organizations, based on feedback HPPH received.
- Created to ensure all required public health interventions to fight the spread of COVID-19 are clear for businesses and organizations in Huron and Perth Counties

Is using the toolkit a requirement for the Instructions?

- No, but by completing the series of checklists and using the resources included in the tool kit, you will be well-prepared to meet requirements for COVID-19 prevention, including the Instructions.
- We’ve designed the toolkit keeping in mind that businesses and organizations are required to follow the revised Huron Perth Public Health Instructions, applicable health and safety legislation (i.e. Occupational Health and Safety Act), the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020, S.O. 2020, c. 17 and associated legislation, such as Ontario Regulation 364/20 Rules for Areas in Stage 3.

Where can I get the toolkit?

- We have sent out PDF versions of the toolkit to many of the BIAs and business support organizations in Huron-Perth. You can also find the toolkit on our website at www.hpph.ca/workplace.

Who do I call if I have questions about implementing the kit?

- Information on the kit and what to do in certain scenarios, is available on our website at www.hpph.ca/workplace.
- If you still have questions, please contact Huron Perth Public Health by email at inspections@hpph.ca. Due to the high volume of calls email is the best method. However if you are unable to email you can contact us at 1-888-221-2133 press 1, and then ext 2670 or 3670.