

**CLASS ORDER OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 22 OF THE *HEALTH PROTECTION AND PROMOTION ACT*, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.7  
AS AMENDED**

**REVISED DATE: February 26, 2021**

This order contains updated requirements from the Class Action Order issued on November 28, 2020.

**To: All persons residing in or present in the health unit served by the Medical Officer of Health, in Perth County, Huron County, City of Stratford and Town of St. Marys who:**

Have been advised to isolate and/or quarantine by Huron Perth Public Health, or a health care provider at/from an assessment and/or testing centre, emergency department or family doctor's office for any reason related to COVID-19.

I, Dr. Miriam Klassen, Medical Officer of Health of the Huron Perth Health Unit (operating as Huron Perth Public Health), **ORDER YOU TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS**, effective from **12:01am on February 27, 2021:**

1. Where specifically directed by Huron Perth Public Health, to submit to an examination by a physician and/or a health care provider, which examination may include a test for COVID-19, and to deliver to Huron Perth Public Health the result of any such test for COVID-19.
2. Isolate yourself without delay in accordance with instructions provided by Huron Perth Public Health. This includes remaining in your home or isolation facility. 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 Huron Perth Public Health.
3. Remain in isolation for any period of time as so directed or instructed by Huron Perth Public Health with any such direction or instruction being in accordance with the then-current Ministry of Health guidelines, a copy of which can be found at:  
[http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/contact\\_mngmt/management\\_cases\\_contacts.pdf](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/contact_mngmt/management_cases_contacts.pdf)
4. 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.
5. Cooperate with **all** aspects of COVID-19 case management and/or outbreak investigations conducted by HPPH. This includes, but is not limited to, providing the names and contact information of any of your close contacts to Huron Perth Public Health as requested.
6. Keep away from vulnerable persons.
7. Seek prompt medical attention if your COVID-19 symptoms or condition worsens (e.g., difficulty breathing). Inform medical professionals of your COVID-19 related diagnosis and symptoms.

**The REQUIREMENTS of this ORDER are subject to necessary modifications for the following persons or class of persons:**

1. A person or class of persons who, in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health, is asymptomatic and provides an essential service, for limited purpose of providing that essential service;
2. A person receiving essential medical services or treatments, whether or not related to COVID-19; or
3. Where a person's isolation, in the opinion of Huron Perth Public Health, would not be in the public interest.

**The REASONS for this ORDER are that:**

1. COVID-19 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 has declared an emergency under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act as a result of the pandemic.
2. COVID-19 is present in the region served by Huron Perth Public Health and therefore poses a risk to the health of the residents of the region through community transmission. **Furthermore COVID-19 Variants of Concern (VOC) are present in Ontario and pose additional risk to the region served by Huron Perth Public Health due to increased transmissibility and/or risk of more severe illness and/or risk of vaccine escape (meaning that the current vaccine is not effective at preventing, or as effective at preventing, infection with the VOC).**
3. 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.
4. 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 that 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 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 specified 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 the health unit, so notice shall be provided through the public media and internet via posting on the Huron Perth Public Health website:

[www.hp-ph.ca](http://www.hp-ph.ca)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 has otherwise been identified as a close contact by Huron Perth Public Health.

**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 70 years of age or older; or (iv) is reliant upon a homeless shelter or other congregate living setting.

**Variants of Concern:** mutations in the current COVID-19 virus for which there is either conclusive or strong evidence that it will have an impact on public health and clinical practice, including transmission, virulence and vaccine efficacy.

## 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 at the address below, and to the Health Services Appeal and Review Board, by email to [hsarb@ontario.ca](mailto:hsarb@ontario.ca) or faxed to the HSARB at 416-327-8524, notice in writing, requesting a hearing within fifteen (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, for a fine of a minimum of \$750.00 to maximum of \$5,000.00 under the Health Protection and Promotion Act for every day or part of each day on which the offence occurs or continues.



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This Order shall be posted on the Huron Perth Public Health website: [www.hp-ph.ca](http://www.hp-ph.ca)

Inquiries about this Order should be directed to Huron Perth Public Health at 1-888-221-2133.