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Tél. : 416 585-7100**December 15, 2020****MEMORANDUM TO: Municipal Chief Administrative Officers and Clerks****SUBJECT: Enforcement of Orders under the *Reopening Ontario Act, 2020***

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I want to thank you again for your sustained efforts in limiting the spread of infection and managing the impact of the pandemic on your communities.

As you are aware, municipal by-law officers are designated to enforce provincial orders under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020 (ROA). Given the recent rise in COVID-19 cases, the government recently announced new provincial restrictions.

Based on the latest data, municipalities, residents and businesses can find out what level and which regional public measures are in place for their area at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-response-framework-keeping-ontario-safe-and-open>. Municipalities and local public health units may have additional restrictions or targeted requirements, on top of any applicable provincial public health measures.

To help support municipal enforcement activities, I am attaching information the Ministry of the Solicitor General has shared with Chiefs of Police regarding additional amendments to orders made under the ROA.

Many of Ontario's municipalities have shown leadership and actively engaged in enforcement and compliance, including enforcement of any local by-laws they may have enacted. To ensure we are achieving greater successes given the local need, and as I mentioned in my previous correspondence to you, you may wish to coordinate enforcement activities with provincial enforcement officers and public health officers. To identify the lead contact for any potential planned compliance activity in your community, please email Natasha Bartlett at [natasha.bartlett@ontario.ca](mailto:natasha.bartlett@ontario.ca).

To help support enforcement personnel, staff at the Ministry of the Solicitor General continue to respond to inquiries via [EssentialWorkplacesSupport.SolGen@ontario.ca](mailto:EssentialWorkplacesSupport.SolGen@ontario.ca). Through this confidential channel, assistance is available to enforcement personnel seven days a week. In addition, a confidential Enforcement Support Phone Line (1-866-

389-7638) is operational and available to assist enforcement personnel. Operating hours for the Enforcement Support Line have been adjusted to Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., to align with demand.

I would also encourage you again to support the Ministry of the Solicitor General's efforts to collect enforcement data on a weekly basis to help monitor and measure the impact of accelerated enforcement and compliance activities province-wide. You can find out more on how you may contribute to the Ministry of Solicitor General's weekly data collection efforts by contacting Jeanette Gorzkowski or Agata Falkowski at [Jeanette.Gorzowski@ontario.ca](mailto:Jeanette.Gorzowski@ontario.ca) or [Agata.Falkowski@ontario.ca](mailto:Agata.Falkowski@ontario.ca) respectively.

The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has also extended all orders currently in force under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* (ROA) until January 20, 2021. These can be found online on the Government of Ontario's website at <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/20r17>.

Thank you, once again, for your continued efforts to help keep our communities safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Kate Manson-Smith  
Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Enclosure: Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General to all Chiefs of Police – English version. If a French version is required, please contact [Richard.Stubbings@ontario.ca](mailto:Richard.Stubbings@ontario.ca).

**MEMORANDUM TO:** All Chiefs of Police and  
Commissioner Thomas Carrique  
Chairs, Police Services Boards

**FROM:** Richard Stubbings  
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Public Safety Division

**SUBJECT:** Further Changes to Regulations under the *Reopening Ontario Act*

<b>DATE OF ISSUE:</b>	<b>December 14, 2020</b>
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I am writing to advise you of amendments to the following regulations under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020 (ROA)*:

- O. Reg. 363/20 – Stages of Reopening (“Stages of Reopening Order”);
- O. Reg. 82/20 – Rules for Areas in Stage 1; and,
- O. Reg. 458/20 – Extension of Orders.

**Amendments to Stages of Reopening Order (O. Reg. 363/20)**

**Effective Monday, December 14, 2020 at 12:01 a.m.**, PHU regions are assigned to zones as follows:

<b>Colour Category</b>	<b>PHU Notes</b>
<b>Green – Prevent</b> <i>(Standard Measures)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The District of Algoma Health Unit</li> <li>2. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit</li> <li>3. Porcupine Health Unit</li> <li>4. Renfrew County and District Health Unit</li> <li>5. Timiskaming Health Unit</li> </ol>
<b>Yellow – Protect</b> <i>(Strengthened Measures)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chatham-Kent Health Unit</li> <li>2. Grey Bruce Health Unit</li> <li>3. Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit</li> </ol>

Colour Category	PHU Notes
<b>Yellow – Protect</b> <i>(Strengthened Measures)</i>	4. Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Unit 5. Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox and Addington Health Unit 6. Lambton Health Unit 7. Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit 8. Northwestern Health Unit 9. Peterborough County — City Health Unit 10. Sudbury and District Health Unit
<b>Orange – Restrict</b> <i>(Intermediate Measures)</i>	1. Brant County Health Unit 2. City of Ottawa Health Unit 3. Eastern Ontario Health Unit 4. Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit 5. Huron Perth Health Unit 6. Niagara Regional Area Health Unit 7. Oxford Elgin St. Thomas Health Unit 8. Thunder Bay District Health Unit
<b>Red – Control</b> <i>(Stringent Measures)</i>	1. City of Hamilton Health Unit 2. Durham Regional Health Unit 3. Halton Regional Health Unit 4. Middlesex-London Health Unit 5. Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit 6. Waterloo Health Unit 7. Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit
<b>Lockdown</b> <i>(Maximum Measures)</i>	1. City of Toronto Health Unit 2. Peel Regional Health Unit 3. Windsor Essex County Health Unit 4. York Regional Health Unit

**Amendments to O. Reg. 82/20 – Rules for Areas in Stage 1 (Lockdown)**

Effective Friday, December 4, 2020, at 12:01 a.m., the rules for Stage 1 changed as follows:

Indoor farmer’s markets that primarily sell groceries are permitted to be open. Other businesses located inside an indoor farmer’s market are not permitted to be open, unless they primarily sell groceries, or they are a food or drink establishment that is permitted to be open under Schedule 2.

Certain instructional programs at post-secondary institutions can have up to 50 persons in an instructional space or examination room at a time, instead of 10 persons. Those instructional programs include medicine, nursing and paramedic programs, and the full list of programs can be found in the regulation. Persons in the instructional space or examination room must still be able to maintain a distance of at least two metres.

**Effective Friday, December 11, 2020, at 12:01 a.m.**, changes to rules for Stage 1 are as follows:

In-person driving instruction is permitted for drivers of commercial vehicles under specified circumstances, as outlined in the regulation.

### **Amendments to O. Reg. 458/20 – Extension of Orders**

The continued orders under the ROA that are currently in effect are to continue in effect until the first instant of January 20, 2021.

### **Compliance and Enforcement**


In support of ongoing enforcement efforts, multi-ministry enforcement teams led by the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development (MLTSD) are being deployed. These teams are taking a proactive approach to raising awareness, promoting compliance and strengthening enforcement through collaboration at the local level. For further information, or to identify a point of contact for any local compliance campaigns planned in your community, please email [Natasha.Bartlett@ontario.ca](mailto:Natasha.Bartlett@ontario.ca)

In addition, as per All Chiefs Memo 20-0166, released on November 27<sup>th</sup>, the 1-800 Enforcement Support Phone Line (1-866-389-7638) is operational and available to assist enforcement personnel. Operating hours for the Enforcement Support Line have been **adjusted to Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**, to align with demand.

Finally, we encourage you to sustain weekly enforcement data reporting to the ministry, to help us to continue to monitor the impact of accelerated enforcement and compliance activities province wide.

I trust this information is useful and thank you, once again, for your continued efforts to help keep our communities safe and healthy.

Sincerely,



Richard Stubbings  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Public Safety Division

*Note: The following regulations have already been published on e-Laws and can be accessed via the following links:*

[O. Reg. 737/20](#) – changes to Stages of Reopening Order

[O. Reg. 708/20](#) – changes to Stage 1 regarding indoor farmer’s markets

[O. Reg. 707/20](#) – changes to Stage 1 regarding maximums in instructional spaces/examination rooms

[O. Reg. 731/20](#) – changes to the Extension of Orders

[O. Reg. 738/20](#) – changes to Stage 1 regarding commercial driving instruction