



PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

BIA Advisory Committee
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Section 22 Class Order to Workplaces

Who?

Issued by the City of Hamilton Public Health Services

How? Under what authority?

The Health Promotion and Protection Act (HPPA) authorizes the Medical Officer of Health to issue a class order to address the risks presented by potential spread of COVID-19 to residents of Hamilton.

Why?

To break the chain of transmission within local workplaces where COVID-19 or its variants are determined to be spreading

Section 22 Class Order to Workplaces

This Class Order does not apply to:

- A licensed child care program
- Health care providers and health care entities
- Schools and school boards

Workplaces that may be exempt from the full closure requirements:

- First responder emergency services
- Shelters;
- Critical infrastructure such as water/wastewater treatment facilities, utilities, telecommunications and IT, transportation, and energy;
- Government services; and
- Services required to maintain the health of animals.



Section 22 Class Order for Workplaces

The Order which came into effect on May 4, 2021, requires:

- Public Health notification if **two or more** or **five or more** cases are identified within a 14-day period
- The closure of certain workplaces, or parts of workplaces with **five** or more confirmed COVID-19 cases within a 14-day period

Workplaces ordered to close must:

- Follow a minimum of a 10 calendar day workplace closure
- Post signage at all entrances to premises

Employees at closed or partially closed workplaces must:

- Self-isolate if directed

Webpage for more information: <https://www.hamilton.ca/coronavirus/section-22-class-order-workplaces>

Recent changes to the Reopening Ontario Act & new guidance

New lunchroom guidance

Every person in a place of work/business who temporarily removes their mask to eat or drink must be separated from every other person by:

- A distance of at least two metres; or
- Plexiglass or some other impermeable barrier



New Eye Protection Guidance: Infrastructure Health & Safety Association (IHSA)

Eye protection should be worn in addition to wearing a mask whenever:

- A person cannot maintain 2 metres distance from another person, indoors or outdoors





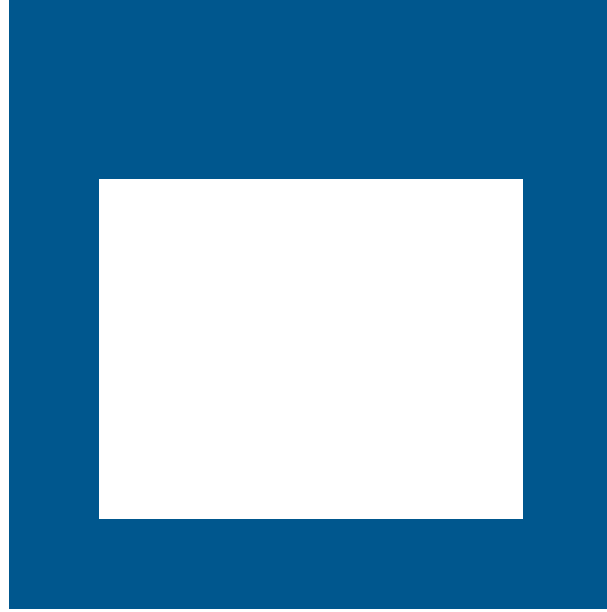
Vaccination & the Workplace

KEY MESSAGES

- Receiving a COVID-19 vaccine is voluntary*
- Employers can encourage employees to get vaccinated by creating a culture of vaccination within the workplace
- Vaccination is an *additional* public health measure that protects against COVID-19.
- Other public health measures that keep workplaces safe should continue to be practised post-vaccination*
- Employees are encouraged to be aware of all priority groups for vaccination so they can be vaccinated under whichever criteria they qualify for first with whichever vaccine is available
- All individuals 18+ will be able to book for their first vaccination by the end of May

All timelines are subject to change depending on vaccine supply.

Eligibility group	Week of April 26	Week of May 3	Week of May 10	Week of May 17	Week of May 24
Provincial age band	April 30: 55 and older	50 and older	40 and older	30 and older	18 and older
Hotspot age band	April 27: 45 and older	18 and older	-	-	-
Health conditions	Highest-risk health conditions continues	High-risk health conditions	At-risk health conditions	-	-
Cannot work from home	April 29: licensed childcare workers	Group 1	Group 2	-	-



THANK YOU

Additional Questions

Visit the City of Hamilton's
COVID-19 website at
[Hamilton.ca/coronavirus](https://hamilton.ca/coronavirus)

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