

## Mayor's Message

### NEW COVID-19 PROVINCIAL EMERGENCY DECLARED

Due to the new COVID-19 modelling data and the increased rise in cases the provincial government has declared a second Provincial Emergency for Ontario. **Stay-At-Home Order** comes into effect 12:01 a.m. January 14, 2021.

Everyone will be required to remain at home and **only** go out for essential trips, such as:

- for essential work
- going to the pharmacy
- accessing health care services
- for exercise
- going to the grocery store

The latest modelling data shows that Ontario is in a crisis and, with the current trends, our hospital ICUs will be overwhelmed in a few short weeks

We look forward to the day that our lives can return to normal. However, for now, I urge everyone to please be part of the solution - continue to protect yourselves and your families by remaining vigilant and taking the precautions to stop spread of COVID-19:

- Do not gather with those outside of your home
- Outdoor public and social gatherings restricted to a limit of five people
- Only go shopping for necessities. Consider curbside pick-up and delivery
- Avoid non-essential travel
- Wear a mask and be sure to wash your hands frequently
- Maintain physical distance
- Stay home if displaying symptoms or having been in close contact with cases of COVID-19

Along with the Stay-At-Home Order, the province introduced enhanced enforcement measures to reduce mobility. Concerns regarding enforcement of COVID-19 emergency orders please contact the By-Law Enforcement Division at 905-735-1700 ext. 2224 or by email at [bylaw\\_enforc@welland.ca](mailto:bylaw_enforc@welland.ca) during normal business hours - Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. After hours, please direct COVID-19 concerns to the Region of Niagara's information line at 905-984-3690 or 1-877-552-5579.

Please visit the following websites for information on COVID-19:

City of Welland  
[www.welland.ca](http://www.welland.ca)

Niagara Region  
[www.niagararegion.ca/covid19](http://www.niagararegion.ca/covid19)

Government of Ontario  
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/>

Please stay home and stay safe.

Thank you,

Mayor Frank Campion