

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR FRANK CAMPION

The Ontario government has enacted a third State of Emergency and Stay-at-Home Order. These measures are being taken in response to the rapid increase in COVID-19 transmission, the threat on the province's hospital system capacity, and the increasing risks posed to the public by COVID-19 variants.

COVID-19 cases in Niagara are rising - the situation is serious and evolving rapidly. The next four weeks are critical. I urge everyone to please get vaccinated when the vaccine becomes available to you. Vaccination appointments for qualifying individuals can be booked online or by phone.

- **Book a vaccination appointment online** through the provincial booking system.
- Call 1-888-999-6488.

As the vaccines ramp up, we need to do all we can to follow the rules and orders as set out by the Provincial Government to slow the spread of COVID-19. I appreciate and thank you for making these sacrifices to protect family, friends, and our entire community. I truly care about our community and want everyone to be safe.

Each one of us has a role to play and together, as a team, with everyone doing their part we will win the battle against COVID-19. Please continue to stay the course to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

COVID-19 Reminders

The stay-at-home order requires everyone to remain at home except for essential purposes, such as:

- trips outside the home for necessities such as food, medication, accessing health care services (including getting vaccinated).
- supporting vulnerable community members.
- exercising outdoors with members of their household or walking pets.
- for work that cannot be done remotely.

Always:

- stay home if you have symptoms, even if they are mild.
- stay two metres apart from people you do not live with.
- wear a mask or face covering in indoor public spaces or any time physical distancing is not possible.
- gather only with immediate family members you live with. If you live alone, you can have close contact with only one other household.
- only travel outside your region or the province when absolutely necessary.

Support Local Businesses

This third wave and the Province's stay-at-home order is having an enormous impact on our small business community. It has challenged the survival of many long-established businesses, with an alarming percentage having had to close their doors. These are not just businesses,

they are our friends, neighbours, and family members who run them and who work at them. Whenever possible, please support our small business community.

Please stay home, stay safe, and save lives.