

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR FRANK CAMPION

The Province's Stay-at-Home Order remains in effect until June 2, 2021. Effective May 22, 2021, the Province reopened outdoor recreational amenities with restrictions in place. Also, outdoor limits for social gatherings and organized public events will expand to five people, including members of different households. All other public health and workplace safety measures will remain in effect.

The Ontario governments gradual three-step reopening plan is based on the provincewide vaccination rate and improvements in key public health and health care indicators. The following summarizes these changes:

- **Step One** - An initial focus on resuming outdoor activities with smaller crowds where the risk of transmission is lower, and permitting retail with restrictions. This includes allowing outdoor gatherings of up to 10 people, outdoor dining with up to four people per table and non-essential retail at 15 per cent capacity.
- **Step Two** - Further expanding outdoor activities and resuming limited indoor services with small numbers of people where face coverings are worn. This includes outdoor gatherings of up to 25 people, outdoor sports and leagues, personal care services where face coverings can be worn and with capacity limits, as well as indoor religious services, rites or ceremony gatherings at 15 per cent capacity.
- **Step Three** - Expanding access to indoor settings, with restrictions, including where there are larger numbers of people and where face coverings can't always be worn. This includes indoor sports and recreational fitness, indoor dining, museums, art galleries and libraries, and casinos and bingo halls, with capacity limits.

As of May 24, 2021 – 50.4% of Niagara residents have received their first vaccine dose. There are numerous benefits that come with vaccination. It is the best way for achieving a greater peace of mind and safely resuming normal activities. We all need to do our part and get vaccinated – I strongly

urge everyone to get the shot as soon as you are eligible to keep yourself and others safe.

I remind everyone to please continue to remain cautious and continue to follow the rules and orders as set out by the Provincial Government in order to slow the spread of COVID-19.

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
- up to five people for outdoor social gatherings and organized public events
- only travel outside your region or the province when absolutely necessary

COVID-19 has placed a significant strain on each and every one of us. I appreciate and thank you for making the sacrifices to protect family, friends, and our entire community.

I would like to recognize and thank all the healthcare workers, essential workers, and first responders for sacrificing your time and safety. Your dedication is truly appreciated and will never be forgotten – you are all heroes.

Please stay home, stay safe and save lives.

Please visit the following websites for information on the Province's Stay-at-Home Order, Reopening Plan and the COVID-19 Vaccine:

[Ontario Extending Stay-at-Home Order Until June 2 | Ontario Newsroom](#)

[Ontario Releases Three-Step Roadmap to Safely Reopen the Province | Ontario Newsroom](#)

[COVID-19 vaccines for Ontario | COVID-19 \(coronavirus\) in Ontario](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccination - Niagara Region, Ontario](#)