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As part of our on-going efforts to keep you up-to-date on COVID-19 related information, we are providing resources and links that may be useful for you and your organization.

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Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Below are links to some previous, but still relevant, COVID-19 resources/information you may find useful. These items are available on the [GBHU website](#) and may be shared publicly. If you have any questions, please call the Help Line At: 519-376-9420 ext 3000

Please note: the COVID-19 section of the Grey Bruce Public Health website has been recently updated. It includes general [COVID-19 information, inquiries, and resources](#), [information for health care providers](#), [information on the recovery phase](#), and [a message from Dr. Arra Medical Officer of Health](#)

1. [Exchange for Second Hand Items \(May 6\)](#)
2. [Considerations for Rental Equipment \(May 4\)](#)
3. [Face Coverings in Retail Locations \(May 12\)](#)
4. [Bottle Drives During COVID-19 \(May 22\)](#)
5. [COVID-19 and Access Health Care Services \(May 12\)](#)
6. [Considerations for Hotels and Motels \(May 1\)](#)
7. [Guidance for Individuals Providing Childcare \(April 28\)](#)
8. [Retail Occupancy Guide \(April 21\)](#)
9. [Considerations for Seasonal Residents and Visitors \(May 4\)](#)
10. [Considerations for Funeral Homes \(April 30\)](#)
11. **GBHU Daily Situation Report**
12. OPHA COVID-19 Summary of Key Developments for June 5 & 8th 2020 (*below Social Media links*)

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Provincial Developments

Ontario Permits More Businesses and Services to Reopen in the Coming Days:

Today, Premier Ford announced that the Ontario government is moving forward with a regional approach to Stage 2 of reopening the province which will entail the following:

- Effective Friday, June 12, 2020 for all regions of Ontario the province will:
 - increase the limit on social gatherings from five to 10 people;
 - allow all places of worship to open with physical distancing in place and attendance limited to no more than 30% of the building capacity to ensure the safety of worshippers; and
 - soon release more details on child-care, summer camps, post-secondary education pilots to help people graduate, training centres and public transit.
- Effective Friday, June 12, all Public Health Unit regions except those listed below will be allowed to move into Stage 2. At the beginning of each week, the government will provide an update on the ongoing assessment of these regions, and whether they are ready to move into Stage 2 by the end of the week. Those that will remain in Stage 1 include: Durham Region Health Department, Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit, Halton Region Public Health, Hamilton Public Health Services, Lambton Public Health, Niagara Region Public Health, Peel Public Health, Toronto Public Health, Windsor-Essex County Health Unit and York Region Public Health.
- Businesses and services permitted to reopen with proper health and safety measures in place in regions entering Stage 2 include:
 - Outdoor dine-in services at restaurants, bars and other establishments, including patios, curbside, parking lots and adjacent properties;
 - Select personal and personal care services with the proper health and safety measures in place, including tattoo parlours, barber shops, hair salons and beauty salons;
 - Shopping malls under existing restrictions, including food services reopening for take-out and outdoor dining only;
 - Tour and guide services, such as bike and walking, bus and boat tours, as well as tasting and tours for wineries, breweries and distilleries;
 - Water recreational facilities such as outdoor splash pads and wading pools, and all swimming pools;
 - Beach access and additional camping at Ontario Parks;
 - Camping at private campgrounds;
 - Outdoor-only recreational facilities and training for outdoor team sports, with limits to enable physical distancing;
 - Drive-in and drive-through venues for theatres, concerts, animal attractions and cultural appreciation, such as art installations;
 - Film and television production activities, with limits to enable physical distancing; and
 - Weddings and funerals, with limits on social gatherings to 10 people.

Ontario Proposing Temporary Ban on Commercial Evictions:

- The Ontario government announced today that it intends to take action to protect commercial tenants from being locked out or having their assets seized by their landlords due to the negative impacts of COVID-19.
- The proposed changes to the *Commercial Tenancies Act* would, if passed, temporarily halt evictions of businesses that are eligible for federal/provincial rent assistance.
- If passed, the legislation would reverse evictions that occurred on or after June 3, 2020 and until August 31, 2020.

Ontario's commitment to Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA)

- In partnership with the federal government, Ontario is committing \$241 million to the CECRA for small businesses which is providing more than \$900 million in support.
- CECRA for small businesses provides forgivable loans to eligible commercial landlords to help cover 50% of commercial rent for tenants for the months of April, May and June 2020.
- The tenant will be responsible for covering up to 25% of rent, so that up to 75% of the rent is covered.
- Tenants and landlords can learn how much they may be eligible for [here](#).
- Premier Ford said that only 7,000 landlords have taken the federal and provincial governments up on the rent abatement offer.

Federal Developments

Violence against Black Canadians and Indigenous People:

- The Prime Minister indicated that he spoke last week with the Commissioner of the RCMP and was assured by him that the RCMP will make use of all available tools to take quick and solid action to address issues of violence against Black Canadians and Indigenous People, including having RCMP officers wear body cameras.
- Prime Minister Trudeau also said that he will be discussing this issue during his weekly meeting with his provincial and territorial counterparts and recognized that racism goes beyond policing and touches on issue of poverty and mental health as well.
- In response to questions about attending a recent Black Lives Matter protest in Ottawa, the Prime Minister indicated that he felt it was important for him to be there to listen and "be able to understand and to share with people how important it was to act... I recognize that it is a difficult situation where we are trying to balance very important competing interests [COVID-19 public health measures]."
- Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Blair reaffirmed his commitment to improve Indigenous policing.

Border Exemptions:

- The Prime Minister announced that starting this Tuesday the federal government will be introducing limited exemptions for immediate family members of citizens or permanent residents to enter Canada through the Canada-US border. These exemptions will include spouses or common-law partners, parents or step-parents, dependent children, guardians and tutors.
- Any person entering Canada will have to self-isolate for 14 days.

Summary of Cases

Trends of Cases in Ontario:

Here are the key messages conveyed today by Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Williams and his Associate Dr. Yaffe:

- Many health units in Ontario have seen no new cases or limited small increases in cases over the last week;
- There has been a 7-day daily average of 329 new cases in Ontario of which the majority are from GTA;
- The increase of cases per day has been the lowest in the past two days. On Sunday, for example, there were 192 cases (this does not include the reporting delay between hospitals, labs and Public Health).
- There's a total of 30,860 cases in Ontario with 243 new cases reported today (around 215 cases from GTA);
- 79% of these cases or 24,492 cases have recovered;
- There's been a steady decrease in the number of people in the hospital (i.e. 603) while the number of people in ICU has remained steady with a 7-day average of 120 people per day; the number of people on a ventilator has declined to a 7-day low of 81 cases;
- Tragically, 2,450 deaths have been reported with 24 deaths in the last 24 hours;
- The number of active outbreaks, active cases in long-term care home residents and staff has been reducing steadily. The rate of increase in deaths has also been slowing down;
- There's been favorable trends for retirement homes with 26 active outbreaks and no new deaths;
- In the last week, Ontario has processed on average just over 19,000 tests a day, with record highs on Friday and Saturday, just around 23,000 daily tests;
- Today, Ontario completed 15,357 tests bringing the total in Ontario to 866,889 tests;
- While the number of tests is increasing, the number of new cases is not increasing, which provincial public health leaders are taking as an encouraging and that the province is ready to enter Stage 2.

Cases in Canada:

- Total number of cases: 95,699; an increase of 642 cases
- Resolved: 54,233 (57%)
- Deaths: 7,800 (8%)
- People tested: 50,462 people tested per million
- Percent positivity: 5%

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Federal Developments

On Systemic Racism:

- Prime Minister Trudeau indicated that he will be speaking with the RCMP Commissioner as well as his Cabinet later today to ensure each of the recent cases of police actions towards Indigenous people are investigated properly and reflect on ways to implement system change that respects the rights and serves Indigenous and racialized people respectively.

Support for People with Disabilities:

- To mark National Accessibility Week, Prime Minister Trudeau announced the following measures for people with disabilities to support them during this pandemic:
 - a one time, non-taxable payment of up to \$600 for Canadians with disabilities, to help them with their additional costs (e.g. buying PPE, covering the cost of support workers);
 - a \$15M National Workplace Accessibility Stream as part of the Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities to help people with disabilities find and keep a good job; and

- \$1.18M in funding through the Accessible Technology Program for five new projects across the country to help people get supportive devices to overcome barriers in the workplace.

Support for Provinces to Safely Restart:

- The Prime Minister announced that the federal government is ready to contribute \$14B more for "the things that all Canadians need." Specifically, the Prime Minister will be working with his provincial and territorial counterparts on a safe restart agreement that would see funding roll out over the next six to eight months to provide:
 - more PPE for front line healthcare workers and businesses;
 - more child care services and care for seniors;
 - up to 10 paid sick days funded by the federal government for those workers who currently don't have such benefits; and
 - support for cities and municipalities for transit and community programs.

Job Report for May:

- Statistics Canada reported that 290,000 more people had gained employment in May than in April, meaning that the economy has now replaced about 10 per cent of the jobs lost to COVID-19.
- Despite the job gains, Canada's official unemployment rate rose to 13.7%, as 491,000 more people were looking for work.
- Prime Minister Trudeau announced that the federal government has approved over 300,000 applications for the employer wage subsidy program to support millions of jobs and 1.2M Canadians have stopped claiming the Canadian Emergency Relief Benefit.

New Initiatives for Nature Conservation:

- In recognition of World Environment Day, the Prime Minister spoke about his government's accomplishments in preserving biodiversity and announced 60 new initiatives across Canada to promote nature conservation, with half of these projects being led by Indigenous people.
- Along with protecting the environment, these initiatives will support local economies and create "good jobs."

Prime Minister Trudeau also committed to share the amount the Liberal Party will receive through the employer wage subsidy program.

Provincial Developments

Ontario Jobs:

- Statistics Canada data indicates that Ontario has regained 13,700 manufacturing jobs and thousands of jobs in the construction, food services, real estate, finance and resource sector.

Re-Opening the Province:

- Premier Ford signaled that, "we will be ready very soon to take steps into restarting our economy, but it will not happen overnight."
- He said that he will share more details on Stage 2 of the reopening of the province by early next week. He indicated that Stage 2 will not begin immediately and next week he will be giving businesses notice to get ready.
- Stage 2 would allow a wider number of office-based businesses to reopen and expand the maximum size of social gatherings that's currently limited to five.

Federal Support:

- While the Premier expressed his thanks to the federal government for its commitment of \$14B to support the provinces, he stressed that "we have a \$23B problem in Ontario... this is a good start, but it must not be the end". He noted that he would be asking for more federal support since "we [Ontario] are paying more to the feds than they are paying to us".

Paid Sick Leave:

- When asked about the 10 days paid sick leave, the Premier said he didn't support such a measure as Ontario already has legislation protecting people from having to go to work if they don't feel safe.
- While Premier Ford noted that this measure may be a priority for British Columbia, he would rather these federal funds be invested in supporting Ontario's long-term care system and municipalities.

COVID-19 Testing:

- The Premier thanked Ontario Health and Public Health Units for having completed over 22,000 tests in the last 24 hours and described them as having done "an incredible job."

Summary of Cases in Ontario and Canada

Cases in Ontario:

- Total number of cases: 29,747 cases; an increase of 344 cases reported today.
- Resolved: 23,583 (76%)
- Deaths: sadly, 2,372 people have died
- Hospitalized: 749 people are hospitalized; 118 are in intensive care and of those, 94 are on a ventilator
- Long-term care homes (according to iPHIS): 166 active outbreaks; 5,222 confirmed cases in residents; 1,883 confirmed cases in staff; 1,519 deaths among residents and five among staff
- Lab testing: 809,053 tests completed; 22,730 tests completed in the last 24 hours; 12,247 are currently under investigation.

Cases in Canada

- Total number of cases: 94,070; an increase of 629 cases
- Resolved: 52,114 (55%)
- Deaths: 7,652 (8%)
- People tested: 48,547 people tested per million
- Percent positivity: 5%

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