



The Oakville, Milton
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Updated COVID-19 Restrictions as of January 12, 2021

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With Ontario facing dangerously high rates of COVID-19, Premier Doug Ford declared a second provincial emergency today and announced a slate of new restrictions in an effort to bring the virus under control.

As it relates to real estate:

- **Public open houses are still prohibited.**
- **In-person showings must be done by appointment only, but it is still recommended that virtual showings be the preferred choice. REALTORS® must continue to put the safety of themselves and their clients first.**
- **Real estate offices (Brokerages and Boards) may remain open but must continue to follow the government's screening requirements for workplaces.**
- **Short-term rentals for recreational purposes are immediately closed as of January 12, 2021. If a booking was made prior to this date, it is permitted to go forward.**
- **Renovations started before January 12, 2021 will be permitted to continue, but any renovations that have not commenced are not permitted to start.**

Here are the new restrictions in place effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday:

- Ontario will be placed under a stay-at-home order, which will require everyone to remain at home with exceptions for essential purposes, like going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services, for exercise or for essential work.
- No return to in-class learning until Feb. 11 at the earliest for the following public health units: Windsor-Essex, Peel Region, Toronto, York Region and Hamilton.
- All businesses must ensure any employee who can work from home do so.
- Gatherings are restricted to five people, consistent with the first-wave lockdown rules.

- Masks remain mandatory indoors at open businesses or organizations. Masks are also now being recommended outdoors where physical distancing of two metres or more is not possible.
- There will be reduced hours for non-grocery stores and pharmacies. All non-essential retail will be forced to close at 8 p.m. and open no earlier than 7 a.m. These limits don't apply to stores that primarily sell food, gas stations, pharmacies, convenience stores or restaurants providing take-out or delivery.
- There are new limits on non-essential construction

Because of the dynamic nature of COVID-19, please note that the above courses of action are subject to change with short notice. We will communicate any changes or additional measures as they become necessary.

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