

Instruction Letter for Individuals who have had a High-Risk Exposure to COVID-19

This letter is to inform you that you have been identified as having a high-risk exposure to COVID-19.

What is a high-risk exposure?

Generally, you are considered to have had a high-risk exposure to COVID-19 if you were exposed to someone with COVID-19 while they were infectious. This exposure could have been because you:

- Lived with them
- Had intimate contact or were sneezed or coughed on by them
- Cared for by them, or provided care to them. For example, helped with bathing, feeding or dressing
- Had face-to-face contact with them:
 - for approximately 15 minutes. These 15 minutes can be all at once or in shorter time periods totaling 15 minutes or more;
 - while less than 2 metres (6 feet) apart;
 - regardless of whether you or the other person wore a mask; and
 - regardless of whether you were indoors or outdoors
- Were in a crowded and/or closed space with them or where they had been (e.g. a room or a gym), regardless of mask use or physical distance.

These are some of the criteria of a high-risk exposure but are not inclusive of all factors. The Health Department may determine that someone has had a high-risk exposure to COVID-19 based on a complete assessment of the situation.

The attached Class Order applies to you. It is a legal order by the Medical Officer of Health because of the public health importance in stopping to the spread of COVID-19 in Halton Region, to protect you and other people in our community.

Take the time to read the Class Order. If you have questions, please call us at 311 in Halton, or toll-free 1- 866-442-5866

Please follow these steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

Are you Fully Vaccinated or Previously Positive?

You are considered to be fully vaccinated if:

- ✓ Generally you are considered fully vaccinated if you have received a full vaccination series of Health Canada approved vaccines AND;
- ✓ The date that you were exposed to the person with COVID-19 was at least 14 days after you received your final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- ✓ If you have received one or more vaccines outside of Canada, visit [The Ministry of Health COVID-19 Fully Vaccinated Status in Ontario](#) for the full definition of fully vaccinated

Note: Your vaccination status may be confirmed by Public Health. If you received the vaccine outside of Ontario, please submit your vaccination records at [Halton.ca](#) to be entered in the provincial database.

You are considered to be previously positive if:

- ✓ You have tested positive for COVID-19 in Canada within the last 90 days (**must have had a positive PCR or molecular lab result**) AND;
- ✓ You completed your isolation period following your positive result

Guidance for Fully Vaccinated and/or Previously Positive Individuals with a High-Risk Exposure to COVID-19:

If you are fully vaccinated or previously positive, you are not required to isolate if you meet all of the following criteria:

- ✓ **Do not have symptoms of COVID-19**
- ✓ Are not a resident of a Long Term Care Home, Retirement Home or Congregate Living setting
- ✓ Are not currently in the hospital
- ✓ Are not subject to the [Federal Quarantine Act](#)

If you are fully vaccinated you are much less likely to become infected with the COVID-19 virus, and if you do, you are at a much lower risk of becoming very sick. However, some people who are fully vaccinated can still become infected with the COVID-19 virus and once infected these people can spread the virus to others similarly to those who are not vaccinated.

Because of this, it is very important that:

- ✓ **You get a PCR test as soon as possible**, AND again on or after day 7 from the date you were last exposed to COVID-19, AND
- ✓ **You monitor yourself for symptoms**, even mild symptoms, for the full 10 days from your last exposure to COVID-19, AND
- ✓ **You continue to follow general public health measures** including wearing a mask and maintaining physical distancing when outside of your home, AND
- ✓ **You avoid visiting places where there may be a large number of unvaccinated or vulnerable people** (i.e. long term care home, shelter, school or childcare settings) during the 10 days since you were last exposed, unless you are attending for work, school or childcare, AND
- ✓ **If you develop ANY symptoms during this time, immediately self-isolate and get tested** as soon as possible. Remain isolated until you receive a negative test result and your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours or if you have gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or stomach pain), wait until these symptoms have been resolved for at least 48 hours.

Your household members are not required to stay at home as long as you do not develop symptoms. If you are returning to work in the 10 days since your last exposure, you are encouraged to inform your employer of your exposure and follow any restrictions as specified by your manager and/or Occupation Health Department.

Guidance for Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated Individuals who are not Previously Positive and who had a High-Risk Exposure to COVID-19:

If you are not fully vaccinated or not previously positive as defined above, you are required to self-isolate and follow the public health guidance outlined below.

Step 1: Self-isolate

The attached Class Order explains what is required:

- You must self-isolate for at least 10 days from your last exposure to COVID-19. If you are unable to effectively isolate from the person with COVID-19 (e.g. parent and young child), your isolation will be extended 10 days from the end of the person with COVID-19's isolation period
- Stay home unless you need emergency medical care.
- Do not leave your home for non-emergency reasons, such as work, school, groceries, pharmacies or non-urgent medical care. Ask family and friends to help with these activities while you are self-isolating.
- If you need extra support to self-isolate, please call us at 905- 825-6000, or call 311.
- Keep your phone nearby. You are required to remain reachable by Halton Public Health as per the Class Order.

In addition:

- Stay in a separate room from other people in your home, including when you are preparing or eating food.
- If you are unable to isolate alone then an adult or caregiver will have to isolate with you and away from the rest of the family members in the home.
- Use a separate bathroom if you have one.
- Wash your hands and clean surfaces you touch often (lights, knobs, taps, etc.).
- If you must be in the same room/area with other people:
 - Stay at least 2 meters (6 feet) apart, both indoors and outdoors
 - Everyone should wear a mask.

Step 2: Monitor for symptoms

*** Important ***

If you feel very sick and need emergency medical care (for example, trouble breathing or chest pain), call 911 and let them know that you have had a high-risk exposure to COVID-19.

Symptoms of COVID-19 range from mild to severe. Common symptoms of COVID-19 are listed below.

- fever (temperature of 37.8°C/100°F or higher)
- chills
- new or worsening cough (including croup)
- shortness of breath (out of breath, trouble breathing, unable to breathe deeply, wheeze)
- decrease or loss of sense of smell or taste

Other symptoms of COVID-19 can include:

- fatigue, general feeling of being unwell, no energy, feeling very tired
- muscle aches and pain
- nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea
- sore throat (pain when swallowing or trouble swallowing)
- runny nose
- nasal congestion (without a known cause, such as seasonal allergies)
- abdominal pain (that is ongoing)
- headache (that is new and lasts long, unusual, or without a known cause)

- pink eye
- decreased or no appetite (for young children not related to a known cause)

Step 3: When to get tested and requirements for the people you live with

Anyone with a high-risk exposure to COVID-19 should go for a PCR test based on the following chart:

If the individual who had high-risk exposure:	When to get tested
<p>Has symptom(s) of COVID-19</p> <p>OR;</p> <p>Develops new or worsening symptoms during their isolation period</p> <p>OR;</p> <p>Had ongoing exposure to someone with COVID-19 (e.g. you live with them)</p>	<p>Get tested right away</p> <p><u>Get retested</u> on or after day 7 from the date you were last exposed to someone with COVID-19 if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. You were tested on day 0-6 from the date you were last exposed and b. You tested negative
<p>Has no symptom(s) of COVID-19</p> <p>AND;</p> <p>Had limited exposure to someone with COVID-19 (e.g. had contact with someone outside of your home)</p>	<p>Get tested on or after day 7 from the date you were last exposed to someone with COVID-19.</p> <p><u>Get retested</u> after day 7 from the date you were last exposed to someone with COVID-19 if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. You were tested on day 0-6 from the date you were last exposed and b. You tested negative and c. You have no symptom(s) of COVID-19

Testing and Assessment Centres

If you develop symptoms and do not get tested after the start of your symptoms, you must let Halton Region Health Department know, by calling 905-825-6000, or 311.

If you test negative. As an individual with a known high-risk exposure to COVID-19 you are required to self-isolate for 10 days, even if you test negative for COVID-19, unless you are fully vaccinated.

If you receive a 'positive' or 'indeterminate' test result. Continue to self-isolate. Your local public health unit will contact you, either by phone or by secure text message using the new Virtual Assistant tool.

You must book an appointment.

For residents of Oakville, Milton or Halton Hills:

- Book an appointment at a Halton Healthcare Assessment & Testing Centre
 - By phone: 905-203-7963
 - Online: [Online booking](#)

For residents of Burlington:

- Book an appointment at Joseph Brant Hospital COVID-19 Assessment Centre
 - By phone: 905-632-3737, extension 6550
 - Online: [Online booking](#)

For all other testing sites, visit the [Provincial Booking Site](#).

Other options for assessment:

- Ontario Government's COVID-19 online [self-assessment tool](#);
- Ontario Government's COVID-19 [school and childcare screening](#); or
- Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000.

If you must leave your house for COVID-19 testing or an emergency medical reason:

- Call ahead to tell your health care providers (including ambulance) that you are self-isolating because you had a high-risk exposure to COVID-19.
- Wear a mask.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or hand sanitizer.
- Travel alone in your own car where possible. Do not take public transit. If you are not able to safely travel to a testing centre, please call us at 311.

If you develop symptoms and choose not to get tested, you must let Halton Region Health Department know, by calling 905-825-6000, or 311.

Instructions for the people you live with

If you have symptoms:	If you do not have any symptoms:
<p>The people you live with, who are not fully vaccinated or have not previously tested positive for COVID-19 in Canada in the last 90 days, are required to self-isolate (can only leave home to seek urgent medical attention) until you receive negative test result.</p> <p>If you receive a negative test, you must continue to self-isolate for the 10 days and the people you live with, who are not fully vaccinated or have not previously tested positive for COVID-19 in Canada in the last 90 days, must stay home except for essential reasons (work, school/childcare, medical appointments, to get their COVID-19 vaccine, essential groceries/pharmacy) while you are self-isolating.</p>	<p>The people you live with, who are not fully vaccinated or have not previously tested positive for COVID-19 in Canada in the last 90 days, are required to stay home except for essential reasons (work, school/childcare, medical appointments, to get their COVID-19 vaccine, essential groceries/pharmacy) while you are self-isolating.</p> <p>It is NOT recommended for the people you live with go for COVID-19 testing if you do not have any symptoms.</p>

Step 4: Come out of self-isolation

- You can stop self-isolating 10 days after your last exposure to the person with COVID-19 if you do not develop symptoms of COVID-19.
- Your self-isolation period may be longer if you develop symptoms. See paragraph 2(iv) of the Class Order for directions.
- When you stop self-isolating, continue to follow physical distancing measures and wear a mask if you cannot keep 2 meters (6 feet) from people outside your household.

Where to go for more information

To learn more about COVID-19, visit halton.ca/covid19.

[Social and Community Supports](#) at halton.ca/covid19 or call Halton Region at **311** for information about food, housing, financial support or if you are having trouble self-isolating.

COVID-19 is affecting our lives in many different ways. It is normal to feel stress and worried, especially when you are self-isolating. Taking care of both your physical and mental well-being is key to staying healthy. Look for ways to stay connected with others through technology and practice self-care. Reach out to a co-worker, friend, loved one or health care provider. If you need support visit [Mental Health Supports](#) at halton.ca/covid19 or call Halton Region at **311**. You are not alone, we are here to help.

Yours in health,
Halton Region Public Health

CCM2 October 6th, 2021

CLASS ORDER

Made pursuant to section 22(5.0.1) of the
Health Protection and Promotion Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.7, as amended

**THIS CLASS ORDER ISSUED AND EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 AT 12:01 a.m. REPLACES
THE ORDER ISSUED AND EFFECTIVE JUNE 16, 2021 AT 12:01 a.m.**

DATE: September 8, 2021

TO: All persons residing or present in The Regional Municipality of Halton¹ ("Halton Region") who:

- a. Are a confirmed case or probable case of COVID-19;
- b. Have new symptoms (even mild symptoms) or worsening symptoms of COVID-19, have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting the results of their test;
- c. Otherwise have reasonable grounds to believe they now have symptoms (even mild symptoms) of COVID-19, or have had such symptoms within the past 10 days;
- d. Have had a high-risk exposure to a person identified in a. even if they do not themselves have any symptoms of COVID-19;
- e. Have been advised to self-isolate by Halton Region Public Health, including in circumstances other than those in a., b., c. or d. above; or
- f. Are a parent, or person with responsibilities of a parent, of a person under 16 years of age identified in a., b., c., d. or e. who resides or is present in Halton Region.

NOTES:

- The symptoms of COVID-19 and definitions for "confirmed case", "probable case" and "high-risk exposure" are explained below.
- If you are a person described in f. above, your responsibility is to ensure that this Order is complied with. You do not need to self-isolate unless you are a person described in a., b., c., d. or e. above.

I, Dr. Hamidah Meghani, Medical Officer of Health, The Regional Municipality of Halton, ORDER YOU TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS, effective 12:01 a.m. on September 8, 2021:

1. **Isolate yourself immediately** and remain in isolation from all other persons ("self-isolation").

While in self-isolation you must conduct yourself so you do not expose any another person to infection or possible infection from COVID-19. The instructions you must follow are set out in paragraph 3 below.

2. **Remain in self-isolation:**

- i. **If you are a person described in a. above**, you must remain in self-isolation:

- o For 10 days from symptom onset as long as on the 10th day, you have no fever and your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours, or 10 days from test date if you have had no symptoms; or
- o For 20 days from symptom onset if you have or have had severe illness (i.e., requiring ICU level support) or if you have severe immune compromise as long as on the 20th day, you have no fever and your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours or 20 days from your test date if you have had no symptoms.

If you have a fever and/or your other symptoms are not improving on the final day of isolation, contact Halton Region Public Health for direction: 311 (in Halton) or toll-free 1-866-442-5866.

"No fever" means that your temperature is 37.7 degrees Celsius or lower.

¹ Halton Region Health Unit as designated by s.1 and Schedule 11 of R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 553 under the HPPA

- i. **If you are a person described in b. above**, you must remain in self-isolation until you receive a negative test result, have no fever, any gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or stomach pain) have resolved for at least 48 hours and any other symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours. If you receive a positive result, you are then subject to the Order as a person described in a. above.
- ii. **If you are a person described in c. above:**
 - o *If tested*, you must remain in self-isolation until you receive a negative test result, have no fever, any gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or stomach pain) have resolved for at least 48 hours and any other symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours. If you receive a positive result, you are then subject to the Order as a person described in a. above.
 - o *If not tested*, you must remain in self-isolation:
 - For 10 days from symptom onset as long as on the 10th day, you have no fever, any gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or stomach pain) have resolved for at least 48 hours and any other symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours, or 10 days from test date if you have had no symptoms; or
 - For 20 days from symptom onset if you have or have had severe illness (i.e., requiring ICU level support) or if you have severe immune compromise as long as on the 20th day, you have no fever, any gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or stomach pain) have resolved for at least 48 hours and any other symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours, or 20 days from your test date if you have had no symptoms.
- iii. **If you are a person described in d. above**, you must remain in self-isolation for 10 days after the day on which you last had a high-risk exposure to a person described in paragraph a. above, or the date provided to you by Halton Region Public Health. However, if you develop symptoms during this period, you must:
 - o *If tested*, complete the 10 days of self-isolation if you receive a negative test result, and on 10th day have no fever, any gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or stomach pain) have resolved for at least 48 hours and any other symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours. If you receive a positive result, you are then subject to this Order as a person described in a. above.
 - o *If not tested*, remain in self-isolation:
 - For 10 days from symptom onset as long as on the 10th day, you have no fever, any gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or stomach pain) have resolved for at least 48 hours and any other symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours; or
 - For 20 days from symptom onset if you have or have had severe illness (i.e., requiring ICU level support) or if you have severe immune compromise as long as on the 20th day, you have no fever, any gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or stomach pain) have resolved for at least 48 hours and any other symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours.

NOTE: Persons described in d. above who are fully vaccinated **may** be relieved of the requirement to self-isolate by Halton Region Public Health, if:

- o You received your second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 Health Canada/WHO approved vaccine series, or first dose of a one-dose vaccine series, 14 days or more before the day on which you last had a high-risk exposure to a person described in paragraph a. above; and
- o Your vaccine history has been confirmed by Halton Region Public Health; and

- You are asymptomatic; and
- You are not a resident of a long-term care home, retirement home or congregate living setting, or a patient admitted to a health care setting.

NOTE: Persons described in d. above who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 **may** be relieved of the requirement to self-isolate by Halton Region Public Health, if:

- You tested positive for COVID-19 in Canada within the last 90 days; and
- You have completed your isolation period following your positive test result; and
- You are asymptomatic; and
- You are not a resident of a long-term care home, retirement home or congregate living setting, or a patient admitted to a health care setting

HOWEVER: Fully vaccinated and previously positive persons who meet these requirements **may still be required** to self-isolate. This may be necessary, for example, if Halton Region Public Health has information that links your exposure to a strain of the virus that may transmit even to those fully vaccinated or to a Variant of Concern of the COVID-19 virus for which vaccine effectiveness is not well established.

Even if relieved of the requirement to self-isolate:

- You are encouraged to inform your employer of your exposure and follow any restrictions from work as specified by your employer;
- If you develop new symptoms (even mild symptoms) of COVID-19, you must:
 - Self-isolate immediately; and
 - Report your symptoms to Halton Region Public Health.
- ii. **If you are a person described in e. above**, you must remain in self-isolation for the duration specified by Halton Region Public Health.
- iii. **If you have questions about what you must do**, contact Halton Region Public Health for direction: 311 (in Halton) or toll-free 1-866-442-5866.

3. **The instructions you must follow** during self-isolation are in the Public Health Ontario fact sheet, *How to Self-Isolate* dated October 28, 2020 (or as current), attached as Schedule 1 to this Order.

All instructions in *How to Self-Isolate* (attached) form part of this Order.

This fact sheet may be updated from time to time. You must follow the instructions in the current version attached to this Order as posted at: www.halton.ca/COVID19.

4. **During the periods described in 2. above, remain reachable for monitoring by Halton Region Public Health** and/or other public health staff (defined below).

Inform Halton Region Public Health if you need help to properly self-isolate or while you are self-isolating, e.g., food, water, accommodation, clothing, appropriate medical treatment and family, religious or other arrangements. To do so, contact Halton Region Public Health at: 311 (in Halton) or toll-free 1-866-442-5866.

5. **Seek immediate medical attention if your illness is worsening** (e.g., you have difficulty breathing) by calling 911. Tell them of your COVID-19 diagnosis or symptom(s) and answer all screening questions accurately (including symptom and travel history) so that you will receive appropriate care and the right infection prevention and control precautions are taken.

6. The requirements of this Order are subject to necessary modifications for the following people, who should contact Halton Region Public Health for direction specific to their circumstances (311 in Halton or toll-free 1-866-442-5866):
 - i. A person who, in my opinion as Medical Officer of Health, provides an essential service, for the limited purpose of providing that essential service;
 - ii. A person receiving essential medical services or treatments, whether related to COVID-19 or not; or
 - iii. Where a person's self-isolation, in my opinion as Medical Officer of Health, would not be in the public interest.
7. **Provide all information requested and follow any further directions provided to you by Halton Region Public Health** and/or other public health staff pertaining to COVID-19 and the terms of this Order. This includes sharing the names and contact information for all contacts and such other information as may be requested by Halton Region Public Health and/or other public health staff to permit appropriate case and contact management for COVID-19.
8. As provided by section 23 of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, the terms of this Order apply to all persons under 16 years of age as served upon their parent(s), and any other person(s) who have the responsibilities of a parent, in relation to the person under 16 years of age, who shall ensure compliance with the Order by the person under 16 years of age.

The reasons for this Order are that:

1. COVID-19, a disease caused by a novel coronavirus, is designated as a disease of public health significance and a communicable disease pursuant to Ontario Regulation 135/18 under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*.
2. COVID-19 can cause acute and severe respiratory illness in humans.
3. While most people with COVID-19 will recover on their own, complications from COVID-19 can also include serious conditions like pneumonia, cardiovascular disorders or kidney failure and, in some cases, death. People at high risk of such complications include seniors and people with chronic medical conditions, e.g., diabetes, lung problems, immune deficiency and cardiovascular disease.
4. There are no specific treatments for COVID-19; while evidence confirms that vaccines now available likely reduce COVID-19 transmission and the risk of severe illness and hospitalization if acquired, Public Health Ontario continues to monitor the impact of vaccination.
5. The spread of COVID-19 is of immediate and compelling public health importance in Halton Region:
 - a. On January 23, 2020, Halton Region Public Health initiated its Infectious Disease Emergency Response Plan in response to COVID-19;
 - b. On March 11, 2020, the spread of COVID-19 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization;
 - c. On March 17, 2020 the spread of COVID-19 was first declared an emergency in Ontario pursuant to the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.9, as amended, on the basis that COVID-19 constitutes a danger of major proportions, and further declarations of emergency have followed; while the Ontario government has since revoked the emergency declaration, emergency orders to address the continued danger presented by the spread of COVID-19 in Ontario remain valid and effective under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*;
 - d. On March 23, 2020, Halton Region declared a State of Emergency in support of Ontario's efforts to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic; Halton Region's Emergency declaration remains in place.
6. As of September 6, 2021, Ontario's Ministry of Health reports:
 - a. 570,778 cases, including 9,553 deaths, for an overall case fatality rate of about 1.7%;

- b. About 5% of cases have ever been hospitalized;
 - c. Of those hospitalized, about 19% have received ICU care.
7. As of September 6, 2021, Halton Region reports:
- a. 18,904 cases of COVID-19, including 238 deaths, for an overall case fatality rate of about 1.3%;
 - b. About 4% of cases have ever been hospitalized;
 - c. Of those hospitalized, about 21% have received ICU care.
8. COVID-19 continues to be present in Halton region and continues to pose a risk to the health of the residents of Halton region.
9. The COVID-19 virus is spread from an infected person to another person by direct contact or when respiratory secretions from the infected person enter the eyes, nose or mouth of another person. It is now understood to be easily transmitted between people in close and prolonged contact when they are unprotected by appropriate PPE (personal protective equipment).
10. To contain the spread of COVID-19, individuals experiencing one or more symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or who are infected with COVID-19, as well as those with high-risk exposure to these individuals, are required to isolate themselves from other people and remain in isolation until they are no longer infectious or potentially infectious; self-isolation reduces the risk that these people will spread their infection to others.
11. Halton Region and Ontario have now experienced outbreaks and community transmission of Variants of Concern (VOCs) of the COVID-19 virus even in vaccinated individuals. Following public health measures is the best way to protect ourselves against the spread of COVID-19, including VOCs.

I am of the opinion, on reasonable and probable grounds that:

- a. A communicable disease, COVID-19, exists or may exist or there is an immediate risk of an outbreak of this communicable disease in the health unit served by me;
- b. This communicable disease presents a risk to the health of persons in the health unit served by me; and
- c. The requirements specified in this Order are necessary in order to decrease or eliminate the risk to health presented by this communicable disease.

I am also of the opinion that the delivery of notice of this Order to each and every member of the class to whom it is directed is likely to cause a delay that could significantly increase the risk to the health of any person residing in Halton region, so notice shall be provided through the public media and the internet via posting at: www.halton.ca/COVID19.

The following definitions apply to this Order:

“High-risk exposure” generally means a person who, within the past 14 days, was exposed to a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case and has a high risk of developing COVID-19. For example, a person who:

- Lived with or otherwise had close, unprotected or prolonged contact, e.g., within 2 metres (6 feet) for more than 15 minutes, with a probable or confirmed case of COVID-19 during their period of communicability;
 - “Unprotected” means without appropriate PPE (personal protective equipment). A non-medical mask or face-covering is not PPE.
- Have been identified by Halton Region Public Health or another public health unit as having had a high-risk exposure to a probable or confirmed case of COVID-19, including in the circumstances of a workplace, school or other outbreak in which a high-risk exposure may be presumed.

If you have questions about whether you have had a high-risk exposure, contact Halton Region Public Health for direction: 311 (in Halton) or toll-free 1-866-442-5866.

“**Confirmed case**” means a person with a positive laboratory test for COVID-19. For more detail, see the Ministry of Health definition at:

http://health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_case_definition.pdf.

“**Halton Region Public Health**” means the Medical Officer of Health or Halton Region Public Health staff acting under the direction of the Medical Officer of Health.

“**Other public health staff**” means Public Health Ontario staff and/or such other public health staff as Halton Region Public Health may determine.

“**Probable case**” means a person without a positive laboratory test for COVID-19 but who is considered likely to be infected with COVID-19 based on symptoms and other factors. For more detail, see the Ministry of Health definition at:

https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_case_definition.pdf

“**Severe immune compromise**” includes, for example, cancer chemotherapy, untreated HIV infection with CD4 T lymphocyte count <200, combined primary immunodeficiency disorder, taking prednisone >20 mg/day (or equivalent) for more than 14 days and taking other immune suppressive medications.

“**Symptoms**” of COVID-19 as listed on the Halton Region website, halton.ca/COVID19.

TAKE NOTICE THAT each member of the class to whom this Order is directed is entitled to a hearing by the Health Services Appeal and Review Board if the member has delivered notice in writing to me (at the address below) and to the Health Services Appeal and Review Board (at 151 Bloor Street West, 9th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1S4) requesting a hearing within 15 days after publication of this Order or otherwise in accordance with applicable law. *In the context of the COVID-19 outbreak:*

- All requests for review, submissions, materials, and inquiries should be sent to the Health Services Appeal and Review Board by e-mail to hsarb@ontario.ca or faxed to the Board at 416-327-8524.
- Instead of mail or courier, you may email your request for review to me at: accesshalton@halton.ca. Should you wish to do so, however, please carefully consider the use of electronic communication for sensitive information. Halton Region will use reasonable means to protect your information but, due to the inherent risks of electronic communication, confidentiality cannot be guaranteed.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT although a hearing may be requested this Order takes effect when it is delivered to a member of the class or brought to the attention of a member of the class.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER may result in further legal action being taken against you under sections 36(2), 35, 102 and other relevant provisions of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER is an offence under sections 100 and 101 of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* for which you may be liable, on conviction, to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 (for a person) or \$25,000 (for a corporation) for every day or part of each day on which the offence occurs or continues.

If you have any questions about this Order, please contact Halton Region Public Health by telephone at 311 (in Halton) or toll-free 1-866-442-5866, or by e-mail to accesshalton@halton.ca.



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This Order shall be posted at: www.halton.ca/COVID19

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

How to Self-Isolate

You must isolate yourself from others if you have COVID-19 symptoms or may have been exposed to COVID-19. If you start to feel worse, contact your health care provider or Telehealth (1-866-797-0000).

Stay home

- Do not go to work, school or other public places.
- Stay home unless you need to get tested or require emergency medical care.
- Do not use public transportation, taxis or rideshares.



Avoid contact with others

- No visitors unless essential (e.g., care providers)
- Stay away from seniors and people with chronic medical conditions (e.g., diabetes, lung problems, immune deficiency).
- As much as possible, stay in a separate room away from other people in your home and use a separate bathroom if you have one.
- Make sure that shared rooms have good airflow (e.g., open windows).
- If these steps are not possible, keep a distance of at least 2 metres from others at all times.



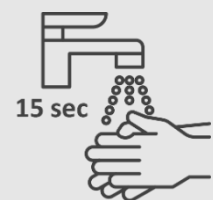
Keep your distance

- If you are in a room with other people, keep a distance of at least 2 metres and wear a mask or face covering that covers your nose and mouth.
- People should wear a mask when they are in the same room as you.



Wash your hands

- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Dry your hands with a paper towel or with cloth towel that no one else will share.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.



Cover your coughs and sneezes

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hand.
- Throw used tissues in a lined wastebasket, and wash your hands.
- Lining the wastebasket with a plastic bag makes waste disposal safer.
- Clean your hands after emptying the wastebasket.



Wear a mask over your nose and mouth

- Wear a mask if you must leave your house to see a health care provider or to get tested for COVID-19.
- Wear a mask when you are within 2 metres of other people, or stay in a separate room.
- If you do not have a mask, maintain 2 metres distance from people and cover your cough and sneezes. See [physical distancing](#).



What should I do if I develop symptoms?

- Complete the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment](#).
- Contact Telehealth (1-866-797-0000) or your health care provider if you have questions.
- Anyone with whom you had close physical contact (e.g., in your household) in the two days before your symptoms started or after symptoms started should also self-isolate. If you have questions about this, follow the advice of your [local public health unit](#).
- Your local public health unit or testing provider will tell you how long you need to self-isolate based on your test results and situation.
- When you stop isolating, you should continue with physical distancing measures and wear a mask when unable to maintain 2 metres distance from people outside your household.
- If you are still unwell at the end of your self-isolation period, contact Telehealth or your health care provider.

Learn about the virus

To learn more and access up-to-date information on COVID-19, visit the Ontario Ministry of Health's website at ontario.ca/coronavirus.

For more information, please contact: _____

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