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To: Municipalities and Business Community

From: Dr. Kieran Moore, Medical Officer of Health at KFL&A Public Health

Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Re: KFL&A Region Moving to Green-Prevent Level of the COVID-19 Response Framework: *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open*

Yesterday, the Government of Ontario placed KFL&A Public Health in the Green-Prevent level of the provincially revised and strengthened COVID-19 Response Framework. Standard public health measures will come into effect in our service areas to continue to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as of Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. and the KFL&A region will no longer be subject to the Stay-at-Home order.

A Provincewide Shutdown has been in effect since Saturday, December 26, 2020 and has helped the KFL&A region to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in our communities, preserve health care capacity, safeguard vulnerable populations and those who care for them, and save lives. We currently have 15 active cases and there has been 681 total cases in our region. These numbers combined with the measures our community has taken to stay home has contributed to the move to green-prevent restrictions. To continue to keep cases low in our region we ask everyone to stay local, only travel outside our region for essential purposes only, and continue to practice the basic public health prevention measures (i.e., practice good hand hygiene, cough etiquette, wear a mask or face covering, physically distance, and if you have any symptoms of illness stay home, isolate and get tested).

The specific measures that come with the provincial green-prevent level will be listed in [Government of Ontario amended O. Reg. 364/20 Rules for Areas in Stage 3 under the Reopening Ontario Act, 2020](#). Owners and operators of businesses and organizations are strongly encouraged to carefully review the regulation and determine which sections apply to their sector. The following sector specific restrictions highlight the key measures in moving to green-prevent level.

Organized public events, social gatherings, and religious services, rites and ceremonies:

- Limits for certain organized public events and social gatherings (e.g., parties, dinners, gatherings BBQs, or wedding receptions held in private residences, backyards, or parks) where physical distancing can be maintained:

- 10 people indoors
- 25 people outdoors
- Limits for organized public events and social gatherings that are staffed and where physical distancing can be maintained:
 - 50 people indoors
 - 100 people outdoors
- Limits for weddings, funerals and other religious services, rites or ceremonies, where physical distancing can be maintained:
 - 30% capacity of the room indoors
 - 100 people outdoors

Bars, restaurants, bars and food establishments:

- Require patrons to be seated; 2 metres apart or impermeable barrier required between tables.
- Dancing and singing and performing music is permitted, with restrictions.
- Karaoke permitted, with restrictions.
- No buffet style service.
- Line ups or patrons congregating outside venues must stay 2 metres apart and face coverings required.
- Face coverings except when eating and drinking only.
- PPE, including eye protection required when a worker must come within 2 metres of another person who is not wearing a face covering.
- Night clubs only permitted to operate as restaurant or bar.
- Contact information is required for one patron per seated party.
- A safety plan is required to be prepared and made available upon request.

Sports and recreational facilities:

- Maintain 2 metres physical distancing, unless engaged in a sport.
- Capacity limits per venue, where physical distancing can be maintained:
 - 50 people indoors or 100 people outdoors in classes
 - 50 people indoors in area with weights or fitness or exercise equipment
 - 50 spectators indoors or 100 spectators outdoors
- Capacity limits applied on a per room basis if operating in compliance with a plan approved by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.
- Team or individual sports must be modified to avoid physical contact; 50 people per league.
- Exemption for high performance athletes and parasports.
- Limit volume of music to be low enough that a normal conversation is possible; measures to prevent shouting by both instructors and members of the public.
- Face coverings required except when exercising or playing sports.
- Patron screening (passive)

- A safety plan is required to be prepared and made available upon request.

Meeting and event spaces

- Capacity limits per venue, where physical distancing can be maintained:
 - 50 people indoors or 100 people outdoors
- Booking multiple rooms for the same event not permitted.
- Maximum of 50 people per room indoors if venue operates in accordance with the approved plan from the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.
- Limits for religious services rites or ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services apply if held in meeting and event spaces:
 - 30% capacity of the room indoors
 - 100 people outdoors
- Exceptions for court services and government services.
- Patron screening (passive)
- A safety plan is required to be prepared and made available upon request.

Casinos, bingo halls, and gaming establishments:

- Maximum of 50 people per facility permitted, where physical distancing can be maintained.
- Table games are prohibited.
- Patron screening (passive)
- A safety plan is required to be prepared and made available upon request.

Cinemas:

- Capacity limits per venue, where physical distancing can be maintained:
 - 50 people indoors or
 - 100 people outdoors
- 50 people per indoor auditorium if cinema operates in accordance with the approved plan from the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.
- Face coverings except when eating or drinking only.
- Drive-in cinemas permitted to operate, subject to restrictions.
- Patron screening (passive)
- A safety plan is required to be prepared and made available upon request.

Performing arts facilities:

- Capacity limits per venue, where physical distancing can be maintained:
 - 50 people indoors or
 - 100 people outdoors
- Singers and players of wind or brass instruments must be separated from spectators by plexiglass or some other impermeable barrier.
- Rehearsal or performing a recorded or broadcasted event permitted.

- Performers and employees must maintain 2 metres physical distancing except for purposes of the performance.
- Drive-in performances permitted.
- Patron screening (passive)
- A safety plan is required to be prepared and made available upon request.

Retail:

- Stores must have passive screening for patrons (e.g., posting signs outside the store front about not entering if you have COVID-19 symptoms)
 - This does not apply to indoor malls, which will have to do screening in accordance with instructions by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health
- Line ups and patrons congregating outside venues managed by venue; 2 metres distance and face coverings required.
- Fitting rooms must be limited to non-adjacent stalls.
- A safety plan is required to be prepared and made available upon request.

Personal service settings:

- Oxygen bars, steam rooms, and saunas closed.
- Patrons screening (passive)
- A safety plan is required to be prepared and made available upon request.

For detailed information on the specific measures we must follow review the provincial [COVID-19 Response Framework](#). KFL&A Public Health will continue to work closely with area businesses and organizations to provide support and answer questions.

For more information or if you have questions, please visit the COVID-19 section on our [agency's website](#) or call KFL&A Public Health at 613-549-1232 or 1-800-267-7875.