

## CLASS ORDER

### made pursuant to Section 22(5.0.1) of the Health Protection and Promotion Act

**Date:** September 22, 2020

**TO:** All persons residing in or present in the City of Ottawa who:

- (a) are identified as a person diagnosed with COVID-19;
- (b) have the signs and 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 have one or more symptoms of COVID-19;

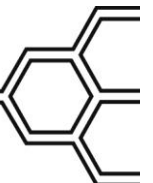
or

- (d) are a close contact\* of a person identified in (a), (b) or (c).

\*"close contact" means you are caring for or living in the same household with someone who has COVID-19 or have otherwise been identified as a close contact by the Medical Officer of Health or Ottawa Public Health staff acting under the direction of the Medical Officer of Health ("Ottawa Public Health").

I, Vera Etches, Medical Officer of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit, order you to take the following actions, effective 3 pm on September 22, 2020:

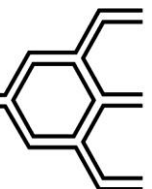
1. Isolate yourself without delay in accordance with instructions provided by Ottawa Public Health. This includes remaining in your home or isolation facility. Do not go outside, unless on to a private balcony or enclosed yard where you can avoid close contact with others. You must not have any visitors into your home except as permitted by Ottawa Public Health.
2. Remain in isolation until the expiry of a 14-day period that begins on the day on which you first show symptoms, are tested, or are diagnosed with COVID-19, whichever is earliest, or on the last day of close contact, unless otherwise instructed by Ottawa Public Health in accordance with the current Ministry of Health guidelines:  
[http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019\\_testing\\_clearing\\_cases\\_guidance.pdf](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_testing_clearing_cases_guidance.pdf)
3. During the self-isolation period, conduct yourself in such a manner as not to expose another person to infection of COVID-19 by following infection control instructions on the Ottawa Public Health website, located at:  
<https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/public-health-topics/self-isolation-instructions-for-novel-coronavirus-covid-19.aspx>, or given to you by Ottawa Public Health or any other staff of a healthcare facility to which you may seek or receive treatment.



4. Keep away from vulnerable persons including persons who have an underlying medical condition, compromised immune system from a medical condition or treatment, person 60 years of age or older, or person who is reliant upon a homeless shelter or other congregate living setting.
5. Inform Ottawa Public Health if you require any help or resources to properly self-isolate or while you are self-isolating such as food, water, accommodation, clothing, appropriate medical treatment and family or other religious arrangements. To do so, contact Ottawa Public Health at (613) 580-6744.
6. Provide Ottawa Public Health with the names and contact information of close contacts during relevant dates immediately upon request.
7. Follow any further instructions provided by Ottawa Public Health pertaining to COVID-19 and the terms and conditions of this Order.
8. Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (e.g. difficulty breathing by calling 911) and mention your COVID-19 related diagnosis or symptoms
9. The requirements of this Order are subject to necessary modifications for the following persons or class of persons:
  - a) a person or class of persons who, in the opinion of the Ottawa Public Health is asymptomatic and provides an essential service, for the limited purpose of providing that essential service;
  - b) a person receiving essential medical services or treatments, whether or not related to COVID-19; or
  - c) where a person's isolation, in the opinion of Ottawa Public Health, would not be in the public interest.

**THE REASONS for this ORDER are that:**

1. COVID-19 is a disease of public health significance and has been designated as communicable under Ontario Regulation 135/18 as amended. COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. The Province of Ontario has enacted emergency orders and the City of Ottawa has declared an emergency under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act as a result of the pandemic.
2. COVID-19 is present in the City of Ottawa and therefore poses a risk to the health of the residents of the City of Ottawa through community transmission. The COVID-19 virus is spread from an infected person to a close contact by direct contact or from respiratory secretions from the infected person.



3. To contain the spread of COVID-19, individuals experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or who are infected with COVID-19, as well as their close contacts, are required to isolate themselves from other people until they are no longer infectious or potentially infectious. Isolation ensures that these people will not spread their infection to others.

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

- a. a communicable disease exists or may exist or there is an immediate risk of an outbreak of a communicable disease in the health unit served by me;
- b. the 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 the communicable disease.

**I am also of the opinion that** the delivery of notice of this Order to each and every member of the class is likely to cause a delay that could significantly increase the risk to the health of any person residing in the health unit, so notice shall be provided through the public media and the internet via posting on the Ottawa Public Health website:

[OttawaPublicHealth.ca/Coronavirus](https://OttawaPublicHealth.ca/Coronavirus)

**NOTICE**

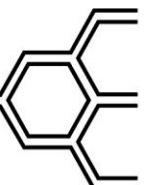
**TAKE NOTICE THAT** each member of the class is entitled to a hearing by the Health Services Appeal and Review Board if the member has delivered to me and to the Health Services Appeal and Review Board, 151 Bloor Street West, 9th Floor, Ottawa, Ontario, M5S 1S4, notice in writing, requesting a hearing within 15 days after publication of this Order or otherwise in accordance with applicable law.

**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 is an offence for which you may be liable, on conviction, to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for every day or part of each day on which the offence occurs or continues.



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Vera Etches,



This Order shall be posted on the Ottawa Public Health website: [OttawaPublicHealth.ca/Coronavirus](https://OttawaPublicHealth.ca/Coronavirus)

Inquiries about this Order should be directed to the Ottawa Public Health at (613) 580-6744.

