



Shutdown Guidance for Bars, Restaurants and other Food & Drink Establishments

UPDATE: December 22, 2020

On December 21, 2020, the Province of Ontario announced that a [Provincewide Shutdown](#) will begin at 12:01 a.m. on December 26, 2020. In the Peterborough region, this shutdown will last for at least 28 days. The legislation governing businesses for this shut down is [O. Reg. 82/20: Rules for Areas in Stage 1](#). For discrepancies between this document and the legislation, refer to the legislation.

Restaurants, bars and other food and drink establishments are only permitted to offer take out services, drive through services, and delivery. **Dining areas, both indoor and outdoor, must be closed.** Locally, the shutdown requirements will be enforced by OPP, Peterborough Police Service, and Peterborough Public Health.

Restrictions for Bars, Restaurants and Food & Drink Establishments

- Dining areas (indoor and outdoor) must be closed.
- Only take out, drive through and delivery services are permitted.

General Public Health Compliance

Be advised that the person responsible for the operation of a bar, restaurant or other food and drink establishment shall:

- ensure that the business or organization operates in accordance with all applicable laws, including the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* and the regulations made under it;
- **operate the business or organization in compliance with the advice, recommendations and instructions of public health officials, including any advice, recommendations or instructions on physical distancing, cleaning or disinfecting, and working remotely;**
- Post the indoor capacity in a conspicuous location and limit the capacity so that patrons inside the establishment can maintain 2 metres of physical distance;
- Routinely clean and disinfect staff and public washrooms and any high-touch surfaces;
- Bars, restaurants and food & drink establishments were required to have a COVID-19 safety plan in place by November 30. If one has not been created for your establishment, you must develop a [COVID-19 safety plan](#) IMMEDIATELY and post it for all workers to see. Make the plan available for the public to review, upon request;
- Keep music to a volume that does not exceed the normal level of conversation, whether in areas for staff or the public.

Active Screening of all Employees

All workplaces, business and establishments that are operating during the shutdown must implement an active screening process for all staff and essential visitors. Screening must occur before a worker or essential visitor enters a workplace to begin their shift or assigned task or duties. As a minimum, the Ministry of

Health's [COVID-19 Screening Tool for Workplaces](#) should be used. More information related to workplace screening can be found on [PPH's Workplace Screening Webpage](#).

Mandatory Masks, Face Coverings and Personal Protection Equipment

All patrons waiting in line and all patrons inside the establishment, must wear a mask or face covering, subject to limited exemptions. All workers or essential visitors performing work for the establishment must wear a mask or face covering, subject to limited exemptions.

Any person who is providing service to individuals who are not wearing a mask or face covering must wear personal protective equipment (including a medical-grade mask and eye protection), if the person who is providing service cannot maintain at least 2 metres of physical distance and is not separated by a physical barrier.

For more information visit: www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca/facecoverings

Line Up Management Outside of Establishments

Patrons who are lining up outside of an establishment must:

- Physically distance by at least 2 metres from others; and
- Wear a mask or face covering.

Staff should be assigned for line up management.

Capacity Limits

Bars, restaurants and other food and drink establishments, must:

- **Limit the number of persons** in the place of business or facility so that every member of the public is able **to maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from every other person in the business** or facility.
- Establish and post the indoor capacity limit so that it is the lesser of:
 - 50% of the usual capacity of the room/space; or
 - The total square metres of floor space available to member of the public (excluding racks, counters, etc.), divided by 8 and rounded down to the nearest whole number
- Indoor social gatherings are currently prohibited.

Enforcement

Peterborough Public Health, OPP and Peterborough Police Service will be actively enforcing the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* and the requirements for the provincial shutdown. The following fines apply:

- Fail to comply with a continued section 7.0.2 order - \$750.00
- Obstruct any person exercising a power in accordance with a continued section 7.0.2 order - \$1000.00
- Obstruct any person performing a duty in accordance with a continued section 7.0.2 order - \$1000.00

More Information

For more information, contact the Public Health Inspector for your premises at (705) 743-1000, weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Peterborough Public Health has a 24/7 response system for public health emergencies outside of these hours. Call (705) 743-1000 for further instruction.

You can also visit our website at: www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca for more information.

Last Updated: December 22, 2020 (v8)