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**CLASS ORDER**  
**Made pursuant to Section 22 (5.0.1) of the**  
**Health Protection and Promotion Act**

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**Original Issued:** March 5, 2021

**TO:** All persons residing at *Severn Court* – 555 Wilfred Drive, Peterborough, ON K9K 1W1

I, Dr. Rosana Salvaterra, Medical Officer of Health for the City of Peterborough and the County of Peterborough, order you to take the following actions, **effective immediately**.

**PART 1 – Actions for those who:**

- are experiencing [symptoms of COVID-19](#); and/or
  - believe you may have been exposed to someone who is now a confirmed case of COVID-19; and/or
  - have been identified as a high-risk contact by PPH; and/or
  - are a confirmed case of COVID-19
- 1) **Stay in your bedroom**, with the exception of:
    - i. utilizing kitchen and restroom facilities;
    - ii. seeking urgent medical attention;
    - iii. seeking COVID-19 testing; or
    - iv. evacuation for emergency purposes.
  - 2) Wear a mask or face covering when in common areas of your unit, except when removal is necessary (e.g. brushing teeth, bathing, etc.).
  - 3) Remain two (2) metres from all others at all times.
  - 4) Do not have any guests or visitors to your unit, except for essential reasons (e.g. plumbing or essential repairs).
  - 5) If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, you are urged to [seek testing](#) and reference outbreak number 2255-2021-33937 at time of testing.

**PART 2 – Actions for those who:**

- are not experiencing [symptoms of COVID-19](#);
  - have no knowledge of being a high-risk contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19;
  - have not been identified as a high-risk contact by PPH; and
  - are not a confirmed case of COVID-19
- 1) **Stay in your suite** with the exception of:
    - i. Accessing **groceries** and medication;
    - ii. Seeking urgent medical attention;
    - iii. seeking COVID-19 testing; or
    - iv. Evacuation for emergency purposes.

**You are not permitted to attend work or campus, at this time.**

- 2) Wear a mask or face covering when in common areas of your unit, except when removal is necessary (e.g. brushing teeth, bathing, etc.).
- 3) Remain two (2) metres from all others at all times.

- 4) Do not have guests or visitors to your unit, except for essential reasons (e.g. plumbing or essential repairs).
- 5) If you begin to experience symptoms of COVID-19, you must follow the instructions in PART 1 of this Order (isolate in your bedroom) and are urged to [seek testing](#) and reference outbreak number 2255-2021-33937 at time of testing.

#### **THE EXEMPTIONS for this ORDER**

Any individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 and have been cleared by Peterborough Public Health on or after February 27, 2021 are exempt from the requirements of this Order.

#### **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.
2. An outbreak at Severn Court, 555 Wilfred Drive, Peterborough, Ontario was declared by Peterborough Public Health (PPH Outbreak Number 2255-2021-33937) on February 27, 2021 due to the confirmation of multiple cases of COVID-19. Preliminary screening results detected the mutation associated with a Variant of Concern (VOC). VOCs are associated with a higher risk of transmission. Therefore, there is a heightened risk of increased cases and associated serious outcomes from COVID-19 for the residents of Severn Court.
3. The COVID-19 virus and VOCs are spread from an infected person to a close contact by direct contact or when respiratory secretions from the infected person enter the eyes, nose, or mouth of another person. Risk of transmission is greater in close contact environments where people are within two metres and/or without masks or face coverings to contain droplets.
4. To minimize VOC spread in Ontario communities, the lockdown evidence and experiences from other jurisdictions demonstrate that any currently implemented public health measures should be intensified.<sup>1</sup> Mobility studies and lockdowns involving retail closures or stay-at-home orders found that greater mobility of the population is associated with greater risk of COVID-19 transmission.

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

1. A communicable disease exists, and has resulted in the declaration of an outbreak in the health unit served by me;
2. The communicable disease presents a risk to the health of persons in the health unit served by me; and
3. The requirements specified in this Order are necessary in order to decrease or eliminate the risk to health presented by the communicable disease.

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** each member of the class is entitled to a hearing by the Health Services Appeal and Review Board if a representative of the site has delivered to me, at the address below, and to the Health Services Appeal and Review Board, by e-mail to [hsarb@ontario.ca](mailto:hsarb@ontario.ca) or faxed to the HSARB at 416-327-8524, notice in writing, requesting a hearing within fifteen (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 and shall continue in effect until either rescinded by the Medical Officer of Health or a decision of the HSARB rescinds or amends the Order.

**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 a person) or \$25,000.00 (for a corporation) for every day or part of each day on which the offence occurs or continues.

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**

Rosana Salvaterra, MD, MSc, CCFP, FRCPC  
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This Order shall be posted on the PPH website: [peterboroughpublichealth.ca/public-health-orders](https://peterboroughpublichealth.ca/public-health-orders)  
Inquiries about this Order should be directed to PPH at 705-743-1000, ext. 295.

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<sup>i</sup> Public Health Ontario. [Evidence on Public Health Measures Required for Rapid Control of Variants of Concern](#). February 16, 2021. Accessed February 27, 2021 at <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/phm/2021/02/eb-public-health-measures-for-voc.pdf>.