

# Using Your Seasonal Residence During COVID-19

**Any seasonal residents who lease land from a First Nation should check the First Nation webpage to see if access is possible at this time.**

Residents who own seasonal properties in the Peterborough Region are an important part of our community and like everyone, have an important role to play to help curb the spread of COVID-19.

As of 12:01 a.m. on Thursday April 8, 2021 a **Stay-at-Home Order** is in effect for Ontario for a minimum of 6 weeks. During this time, all individuals are required to stay at their primary residence, and are only allowed to leave for essential reasons. Visits to a secondary residence to perform necessary maintenance are permitted if less than 24 hours in duration. If planning for an extended stay at your secondary residence, the stay must be at least 14 days long in order to comply with the Stay-at-Home Order.

The safest way to transition to a longer stay at a secondary residence is to self-isolate, or drastically reduce close contact with others for first 14 days.

That requires some planning, such as:

✓ Purchase all your supplies and groceries ahead of time and plan to be self-sufficient for your stay. Avoid any unscheduled trips into town during your self-isolation. Before you leave, have a plan before you leave for how you will replenish supplies if staying longer. For example, use a local express grocery pick-up service as a way to restock without any contact.



✓ If you require a boat launch, call the municipality before your arrival as some are closed at this time.



✓ Avoid stops on the way and go directly to the secondary residence. Fuel up and bring snacks so that you can make your trip without any stops. Make sure to have hand sanitizer and face coverings with you in the event of an unplanned stop.



✓ When you arrive, plan to isolate (no visits, no trips into town). Don't invite guests – stay only with your household group. Cancel your annual events – this is not the time to host a family birthday or winter getaway.



✓ Self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 at least daily and if required call 705-876-5086 for an appointment or [book online](#) for a COVID-19 test in the City of Peterborough. If you learn that you are a high risk contact of someone who has COVID-19, you will need to be tested immediately. You will also need to test again on or after Day 10 of your quarantine.



✓ Once your 14 days are over, use curbside pickup to get supplies whenever possible and practice all other public health measures including physical distancing, wearing a mask, following social gathering limits, washing your hands and staying home if you are ill.



## Using your secondary residence as your quarantine location:

Residents who plan to complete their mandatory quarantine at their secondary residence following international travel must adhere to all requirements of the Government of Canada. Even if you've received a COVID-19 vaccine while out of the country, quarantine requirements still apply.

## Using your secondary residence as a short-term rental property during COVID-19?

**Short-term rentals of cottages, cabins and trailers are not permitted when the Peterborough Public Health region is in the Lockdown or Shutdown sections of the Ontario COVID-19 Response Framework, unless the individual renting is in need of housing.**

If you are planning to rent your secondary residence, you must ensure this is allowed under the Orders currently in force under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act*. The [Ontario Covid-19 Response Framework](#) dictates the public health measures required for businesses to operate across Ontario during the COVID-19 pandemic. If your municipality permits short-term accommodation rentals, you can proceed with renting your secondary residence **only** if the Peterborough Public Health region is in a [COVID-19 colour response level](#) that permits such activities. Any rentals must be for use by one household only. To learn more about [responsible cottage rental](#), check out The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA) website.

## What can I do safely while I'm at the cottage?

**Do not take risks** – protect local First Responders by avoiding risky activities and moderate your use of alcohol and other substances.

Be sure to make use of these great safety tips from the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) for [opening](#) and [closing](#) your property.