

CLASS ORDER**Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

Made pursuant to section 22 (5.01) of the *Ontario Health Protection and Promotion Act, 1990*

DATE: June 30, 2020

TO: All persons residing in or present in Kingston, Frontenac and, Lennox & Addington (KFL&A) who:

- (a) are identified as a person diagnosed with the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”);
- (b) have the signs or symptoms of COVID-19, have similar signs or symptoms, or who have tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting test results;
- (c) otherwise have reasonable grounds to believe they have symptoms of COVID-19; or
- (d) are a close contact of a person identified in (a) or as identified by KFL&A Public Health.

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario declared a public health emergency as a result of the 2019 Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, pursuant to the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, 1990*;

AND WHEREAS the World Health Organization has determined COVID-19 to be a highly contagious disease that presents a risk to human health and communities due to its rapid communicability;

AND WHEREAS a number of individuals in Kingston, Frontenac and, Lennox and Addington have been infected with COVID-19 since its discovery and the extent of the virus still present in these areas is currently unknown;

AND WHEREAS under section 22 (5.01) of the *Ontario Health Protection and Promotion Act*, a medical officer of health may make an order requiring a person or a class of persons to take or to refrain from taking such actions required to isolate, test, or attend for medical care if the medical officer of health is of the opinion, upon reasonable and probable grounds, that an outbreak of a communicable disease exists or may exist, or if there is a risk of an outbreak of a communicable disease in the health unit that presents a risk to the health of persons in the health unit, and that the order is required to decrease or eliminate the health risks, and the person or class of persons to whom the order is directed may be at risk;

AND WHEREAS the KFL&A Public Health Medical Officer of Health has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that one or more persons residing in the KFL&A community is infected or has been exposed to infection, or has potentially been infected or exposed to infection, with the COVID-19 virus.

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I, Dr Kieran Moore, Medical Officer of Health for KFL&A Public Health, therefore, make the following order, which is effective immediately:

1. You shall immediately and without delay isolate yourself in accordance with instructions provided by KFL&A Public Health and shall not go outside unless alone and only upon a private balcony or within an outdoor yard area for a period of not less than 14 days from the date on which you first experienced symptoms;
2. You shall not have any visitors to your home and shall not come into close contact with any other person for a period of not less than 14 days from the date on which you first experienced symptoms, or as otherwise directed by this Order;
3. During this period of isolation, you shall make all reasonable and possible efforts to prevent exposure of the infection to any other person, especially vulnerable persons, as defined below;
4. You shall inform KFL&A Public Health of any medical or other necessities and report to KFL&A Public Health any additional or worsening symptoms and any contact with another person while in isolation and you should seek immediate medical attention for worsening or severe symptoms;
5. This Order may be amended, revised, or modified for asymptomatic individuals, individuals providing essential services, or where isolation would not be in the public interest, as determined by me or by KFL&A Public Health; and
6. You shall be required to submit to any testing, contact tracing, screening, or any other measure necessary to permit containment and investigation of communicable spread of COVID-19 related or potentially related to your infection or exposure or potential infection or exposure.

REASONS FOR THE ORDER

1. An outbreak of this infection exists, may exist, or may potentially arise as a consequence of this infection or exposure to infection, within the KFL&A community;
2. Such an outbreak within the KFL&A community would present a significant risk to the health of persons and to preserve and protect the capacity of our health care system to respond and provide care for those who need it; and
3. Immediate and mandatory measures, as outlined in this Order, are required to contain further spread of COVID-19 within and outside of the KFL&A community and to decrease and eliminate any further health risks to those residing in or present in the KFL&A community.

I am of the opinion that the delivery of notice to each and every potentially infected or exposed member of the class identified herein is likely to cause a delay that may significantly increase the risk of further infection or exposure to infection to the health of any person within the KFL&A community, so notice shall be provided through the public media and the internet posting on the KFL&A Public Health website: www.kflaph.ca.

The following definitions apply to this Order:

“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 KFL&A Public Health.

“vulnerable person” includes a person who has an underlying medical condition, a compromised immune system, who is 65 years of age or older, or is reliant upon a homeless shelter or other congregate living setting.

NOTICE

You are entitled to a hearing on this matter before the Health Services Appeal and Review Board and may apply for such a hearing upon request to me and to the Health Services Appeal and Review Board, at:

151 Bloor Street West, 9th Floor
Toronto, ON M5S 1S4

This Order takes effect immediately upon delivery and shall continue in effect until either rescinded by the Medical Officer of Health or a decision of the Health Services Appeal and Review Board 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 note more than \$5,000.00 for every day or part of day on which the offence occurs or continues.

SUMMARY

1. COVID-19 is a disease caused by coronavirus discovered in 2019. The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic due to its rapid spread to 212 countries of the world as at the date of this Order.
2. Ongoing studies conducted by research institutions throughout the world concur that the risk of serious disease and death are higher in the elderly population and among people experiencing certain co-morbidities.
3. Due to its highly contagious nature, the virus can spread rapidly among people living, working, or existing in close contact with each other.
4. The virus primarily spreads through contact with respiratory droplets from another person but can also spread through touching surfaces or objects that have the virus on them.



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