

**ORDER of the Medical Officer of Health
under Section 22
Health Protection and Promotion Act
R.S.O., 1990 Chapter H. 7**

Cornwall, July 19, 2021

THIS ORDER IS DIRECTED TO THE OWNERS, OCCUPIERS AND OPERATORS OF RESTAURANTS, BARS, FOOD TRUCKS, CONCESSION STANDS, AND OTHER FOOD OR DRINK ESTABLISHMENTS OR BANQUET HALLS WHICH SPECIFICALLY PROVIDE OR ALLOW BUFFET OR SELF-SERVE FOOD OPTIONS, LOCATED IN THE UNITED COUNTIES OF STORMONT, DUNDAS & GLENGARRY; THE UNITED COUNTIES OF PRESCOTT-RUSSELL; AND THE CITY OF CORNWALL (“THE BUSINESSES”).

WHEREAS the World Health Organization has declared a public health emergency as a result of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus declared pandemic (“**COVID-19**”);

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario previously declared an emergency pursuant to the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.9 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and has continued various orders previously made under that Act by way of the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act*, 2020, c. 17 (the “**Reopening Act**”);

WHEREAS the regulations under the *Reopening Act* set out some rules for the Businesses to operate safely;

WHEREAS Ontario and the area served by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit has experienced outbreaks and community transmission of Variants of Concern;

WHEREAS the Medical Officer of Health of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit is of the opinion, upon reasonable and probable grounds, that:

- (a) There is an immediate risk of an outbreak of COVID-19 in the area served by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit;
- (b) COVID-19 presents a risk to the health of persons in the area served by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit; and
- (c) the requirements specified in this Order are necessary in order to decrease or eliminate the risk to health presented by COVID-19;

WHEREAS Section 22 of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7 provides that an order may be directed to a class of persons; and

WHEREAS the Medical Officer of Health is of the opinion that delivery of notice of this Order to each member of the class of persons described herein is likely to cause a delay that could significantly increase the risk to the health of any person within the Eastern Ontario Health Unit;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, Medical Officer of Health of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, order you to take the following actions, **effective 12:01 AM on JULY 19, 2021:**

In addition to complying with O. Reg. 520/21: RULES FOR AREAS IN STAGE 3, including, but not limited to the rules regarding masks or face coverings, capacity limits, and physical distancing, the Businesses described herein shall:

1. Provide hand washing stations and/or hand sanitizers at the entry and exit points of every buffet/self-serve food line.
2. Ensure that patrons are entering and exiting the buffet/self-serve food line in one direction.
3. Establish, post, and enforce the total number of patrons permitted at a buffet area/self-serve food line in accordance with the applicable occupancy limits.
4. Ensure social distancing of two (2) meters is maintained at all times between patrons lining up at a buffet area/self-serve food line (subject to regulatory exceptions regarding members of the same household and caregivers).
5. Ensure that adequate masks or face coverings are worn at all times except when eating or drinking.
6. Ensure that self-service utensils are changed at least every two (2) hours or less.
7. To the extent that it is reasonably possible or applicable, have a staff member dispense/serve the food portions to the patrons of the business.

This Order comes into effect on the time/date indicated above and will remain in effect until further notice.

Every person to whom this Order is directed is entitled to a hearing by the Health Services Review and Appeal Board (the “**Board**”) if the person mails or delivers to the Medical Officer of Health and to the Board, within fifteen days after a copy of the order is served on the person, notice in writing requiring a hearing. Notice to the Medical Officer of Health shall be mailed or delivered to: Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, Eastern Ontario Health Unit, 1000 Pitt Street, Cornwall, Ontario, K6J 5T1. Notice to the Board shall be mailed or delivered to: Health Services Review and Appeal Board, 151 Bloor Street West, 9th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2T5 (telephone: 416-327-8512). Be advised that although a hearing may be requested, this Order takes effect immediately.

Inquiries regarding this Order shall be directed to the Eastern Ontario Health Unit at 613-933-1375, ext. 1201, or by fax at 613-938-9707.

Failure to comply with this Order is an offence to which you are liable on conviction to a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual or \$25,000.00 for a corporation for every day or part of a day on which the offence occurs or continues.

Original copy signed by Dr. Paul Roumeliotis.

Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, M.D., C.M., M.P.H., F.R.C.P.(C)
Medical Officer of Health/CEO
Eastern Ontario Health Unit