

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

Cornwall, July 10, 2020

**THIS ORDER IS DIRECTED TO THE OWNERS, OPERATORS AND ADMINISTRATORS OF AGRICULTURAL FARMS LOCATED IN THE UNITED COUNTIES OF STORMONT, DUNDAS & GLENGARRY; THE UNITED COUNTIES OF PRESCOTT-RUSSELL; AND THE CITY OF CORNWALL (HEREINAFTER “THE BUSINESSES”) WHO:**

- a) Employ migrant farm workers in any capacity.
- b) Participate in the federal Temporary Foreign Worker (TFW) program.
- c) Operate any model of seasonal housing accommodations

**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 has declared an emergency pursuant to the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.9, (the “**EMCPA**”) as a result of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus pandemic;

**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** 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 a class of persons is likely to cause a delay that could significantly increase the risk to the health of any person;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Dr Paul Roumeliotis, Medical Officer of Health of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, order you to **immediately** take the following actions:

- Ensure that all TFWs who have arrived in Canada are isolated for 14 days from the date of arrival in Canada.

- Provide the following information to the Eastern Ontario Health Unit at least 4 weeks prior to the arrival date of new workers: number of people expected, date(s) of arrival, means of transportation to the farm, plan for isolation.
- Ensure TFWs in isolation are kept at a minimum of 2 metres apart from other workers or provide a separate room or alternative accommodation for the TFWs in isolation.
- Ensure that arrangements are made for the provision of food, water, laundry, and cleaning supplies for TFWs who are placed under isolation under the terms of this class Order.
- Ensure TFWs under self-isolation for 14 days notify the EOHU if they have any COVID-19 symptoms.
- During the 14-day isolation period, ensure that no TFW works on the farm (where they are under isolation), or any other farm.
- Notify the EOHU if the worker(s) needs to leave the farm for ANY reason, during this isolation period, such as to seek medical attention.
- Ensure that accurate and updated contact information for all employees (permanent, temporary, or contract) is available to be produced to the EOHU within 24 hours of request in support of case management and contact tracing requirements; and
- Conduct daily (as a minimum) active screening.
- Ensure that employees that work on farms are assigned to the same team/group/work pod (cohort) that is separated from other individuals and teams. Within the team/work pod, workers should maintain a two-metre physical distance from other workers as best as possible.
- Ensure that all employees understand their rights and entitlements, including access to healthcare services and other supports that may be available if a worker becomes sick.
- Ensure that all employees current or future are exclusively working within one workplace. Individuals who are employed at more than one facility must immediately limit this to one premise. Ensure that the health unit is contacted for approval if renovations within pre-existing and approved living accommodations that impact floor space, number of faucets, toilets, showers, and/or bathtubs. Ensure that all individuals that are under health unit supervision for case and contact management have ongoing access to communication devices (cellular phone or landline) and this contact information is always made available to the EOHU.
- Ensure that all known instances of non-compliance with the Emergency Management and Civil Protections Act, Quarantine Act or isolation requirements are reported immediately to the appropriate agency.

This Order comes into effect immediately 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, 9<sup>th</sup> 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.**



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