

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

Cornwall, June 24, 2020

**THIS ORDER IS DIRECTED TO THE OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF THE RECREATIONAL WATER FACILITIES AND PUBLIC POOLS/SPAS LOCATED IN THE UNITED COUNTIES OF STORMONT, DUNDAS & GLENGARRY; THE UNITED COUNTIES OF PRESCOTT-RUSSELL; AND THE CITY OF CORNWALL.**

**WHEREAS** the World Health Organization has declared a public health emergency as a result of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus declared pandemic;

**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, 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 take the following actions, **effective 12:01 AM on June 25, 2020**:

1. All indoor and outdoor communal steam rooms, saunas, whirlpools, spas and hot tubs must be closed;
2. All changerooms, locker rooms and lockers must be cleaned and sanitized between each individual use;
3. The following additional measures must be implemented:

*A- Ensure Crowd Control:*

- Provide signage at the entrance and throughout the premises to remind patrons of the importance of physical distancing;
- If applicable, assign an employee at the entrance of the facility for crowd and flow control; and
- Stagger the number of people entering the premises and facilities to respect physical distancing.

*B- Implement Hygiene/Disinfectant and Other Procedures:*

- Clean and sanitize the washrooms frequently;
- Provide portable hand washing stations for clients (sink with water, soap and paper towel or 60% alcohol hand sanitizer) at the entrance to the facility;
- Often disinfect high traffic areas such as pool ladders, railings, door handles, phones, switches, etc.;
- Follow the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.1 and its regulations; and
- Limit the use of cash when possible.

*C- Screen and Train your Employees:*

- At the beginning of each workday or shift:
  - screen employees for COVID-19 symptoms, including the symptoms listed at <https://eohu.ca/en/covid/symptoms-and-treatment> (Note: this site should be consulted on a weekly basis for any updates); and
  - employees who are sick or who have any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home immediately;
- Employees who are sick or who have had any COVID-19 symptoms as outlined above shall not be allowed to return to work until 14 days after onset of symptoms or as directed by public health or with written confirmation from a doctor; and
- Offer training to staff:
  - Ensure they wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds each time;
  - If they handle money, ensure they wash their hands;
  - If you require that they use gloves, advise them not to touch their face and head; and
  - Remind them to cough or sneeze into the bend of their arm.

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, 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.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Roumeliotis', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, MD, CM, MPH, FRCPC(C)  
Medical Officer of Health/CEO  
Eastern Ontario Health Unit