

Ontario Government Imposes Additional Restrictions to Curb COVID-19

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Effective **October 10, 2020 at 12:01 a.m.**, and for at least **28 days**, the Ontario Government has enacted the [following restrictions](#) in **Peel, Ottawa and Toronto** to curb the spread of COVID-19:

- Social gatherings and organized public events are limited to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors if physical distancing can be maintained. The two limits cannot be combined.
- Indoor food and drink service at bars, restaurants, nightclubs and other food and drink establishments is prohibited. Outdoor and takeout service continues to be permitted.
- The following businesses must immediately close:
 - Indoor gyms and fitness centres
 - Casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establishments
 - Indoor cinemas
 - Performing arts centres and venues
 - Spectator areas in racing venues
 - Interactive exhibits or exhibits with a high risk of personal contact in museums, galleries, zoos, science centres and landmarks
- Any personal care service where a face covering must be removed for service is prohibited (e.g., relating to the hair or body, including hair salons and barbershops, manicure and pedicure salons, aesthetician services, piercing services, tanning salons, spas and tattoo studios).
- Reduced capacity limits (10 persons indoors and 25 persons outdoors) for:
 - Tour and guide services
 - Open houses
 - In person teaching and instruction (cooking classes, music lessons) with exemptions for schools, child care centres and other specified educational facilities
 - Meeting and event spaces (with special rules in place for weddings)
- Team sports are limited to training only (no games or scrimmages).

Ontarians are also urged to limit non-essential trips outside the home, practice physical distancing, good hand hygiene and proper mask wearing, and not travel to other regions of Ontario but for essential purposes.

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