



Renfrew County and District Health Unit  
*"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"*

## Memorandum

**Date:** March 18, 2020  
**To:** Municipal Partners  
**From:** Dr. Robert Cushman  
**Subject:** **Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**

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The Ontario Ministry of Health has declared a provincial state of emergency, ordering the closure of following services such as:

- facilities providing indoor recreational programs,
- public libraries,
- private schools,
- licenced childcare centres,
- bars and restaurants except to the extent that such facilities provide takeout food and delivery,
- cinemas,
- concert venues.

Furthermore, Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health for the Renfrew County and District Health Unit, strongly recommends the closure of non-essential services and businesses such as:

- personal service setting (hair salons, esthetician, tattoo studios and tanning salons etc.),
- hotel pools and spas
- unlicensed childcare centres, and
- shopping malls.

Take the time to review your own operations. Any non-essential services should be discontinued. Use your continuity of operations plan to help you determine non-essential services.

Assess if staff can work from home. We recommend no more than 10 persons are in one area with a minimum of 2 metres (6 feet) between each person, however people should stay home.

If you are unable to obtain cleaning supplies to clean and disinfect offices and cannot provide appropriate hand hygiene facilities, offices should close (this includes other facilities used for essential services).

To consult with Renfrew County and District Health Unit call 613-735-8654 extension 577. Calls will be answered 7-days a week; 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

There are **no** confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Renfrew County and District.

Thank you,

D. Robert Cushman

Acting Medical Officer of Health