

**MEMORANDUM TO:** All Chiefs of Police and  
Commissioner Thomas Carrique  
Chairs, Police Services Boards

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**SUBJECT:** Entering Step Three of the Roadmap to Reopen

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I am writing today to provide you with information on Ontario's move into **Step Three** of the [Roadmap to Reopen](#) (the "Roadmap").

On July 9, 2021, based on improvements in key public health and health care indicators, such as hospitalizations, ICU occupancy and the weekly cases incidence rates, the government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, announced the province will move into [Step Three](#) of the Roadmap as of **July 16, 2021 at 12:01 a.m.**

For clarity, all public health and workplace safety measures under [Step Two](#) of the Roadmap will remain in place until Ontario enters Step Three.

### **Step Three of the Roadmap**

Step Three of the Roadmap focuses on the resumption of additional indoor services with larger numbers of people and restrictions in place. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Outdoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 100 people with limited exceptions;
- Indoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 25 people;
- Indoor religious services, rites or ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services permitted with physical distancing;

- Indoor dining permitted with no limits on the number of patrons per table with physical distancing and other restrictions still in effect;
- Indoor sports and recreational fitness facilities may open, subject to a maximum 50 per cent capacity of the indoor space. Capacity for indoor spectators is 50 per cent of the usual seating capacity or 1,000 people, whichever is less. Capacity for outdoor spectators is 75 per cent of the usual seating capacity or 15,000 people, whichever is less;
- Indoor meeting and event spaces permitted to operate with physical distancing and other restrictions still in effect and limited to 50 per cent capacity or 1,000 people, (whichever is less);
- Essential and non-essential retail with capacity limited to the number of people that can maintain a physical distance of two metres;
- Personal care services, including services requiring the removal of a face covering, permitted with capacity limited to the number of people that can maintain a physical distance of two metres;
- Museums, galleries, historic sites, aquariums, zoos, landmarks, botanical gardens, science centres, casinos/bingo halls, amusement parks, fairs and rural exhibitions, festivals, with capacity limited to not exceed 50 per cent capacity indoors and 75 per cent capacity outdoors;
- Concert venues, cinemas, and theatres permitted to operate at:
  - up to 50 per cent capacity indoors or a maximum limit of 1,000 people for seated events (whichever is less);
  - up to 75 per cent capacity outdoors or a maximum limit of 5,000 people for unseated events (whichever is less); and
  - up to 75 per cent capacity outdoors or a maximum of 15,000 people for events with fixed seating (whichever is less).
- Real estate open houses permitted with capacity limited to the number of people that can maintain a physical distance of two metres; and
- Indoor food or drink establishments where dance facilities are provided, including nightclubs and restobars, permitted up to 25 per cent capacity or up to a maximum limit of 250 people (whichever is less).

Face coverings in indoor public settings and physical distancing requirements remain in place throughout Step Three. This is in alignment with the [advice](#) on personal public health measures issued by the Public Health Agency of Canada, while also accounting for Ontario specific information and requirements. Face coverings will also be required in some outdoor public settings as well.

For a more detailed overview of public health measures in Step Three, please visit [O. Reg. 364/20: Rules for Areas at Step 3](#).

The province will remain in Step Three of the Roadmap for at least 21 days and until 80 per cent of the eligible population aged 12 and over has received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 75 per cent have received their second, with no public health unit having less than 70 per cent of their eligible population aged 12 and over fully vaccinated. Other key public health and health care indicators must also continue to

remain stable. Upon meeting these thresholds, the vast majority of public health and workplace safety measures, including capacity limits for indoor and outdoor settings and limits for social gatherings, may be lifted.

### **Status of Emergency Orders**

#### **Emergency Management and Civil Protections Act (EMCPA)**

There are currently three Emergency Orders made under s. 7.0.2 of the EMCPA that remain in effect. Emergency Orders made under this section may be extended for up to 14 days at a time.

All three of the below Emergency Orders have been extended until **July 28, 2021**:

1. O. Reg. 8/21 Enforcement of COVID-19 Measures
2. O. Reg. 55/21 Compliance Orders for Retirement Homes
3. O. Reg. 305/21 Regulated Health Professionals

#### **Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act (ROA)**

There are currently 29 orders in effect under the ROA. All 29 orders have been extended until **August 18, 2021**.

Please visit [Ontario's Emergency Information](#) website for the full list of orders in effect under the ROA.

As it has been in the past, the Orders under the ROA may continue to be extended for 30-day increments with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council. The ministry must regularly provide a rationale for the requested Order renewal.

In preparation for the transition from O. Reg. 132/20: Use of Force and Firearms in Policing Services under the ROA to the original training requirements pursuant to the Equipment and Use of Force Regulation (R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 926) of the *Police Services Act*, police services are strongly encouraged to ensure that members are in compliance with use of force and firearms training requirements in advance of the current expiry date (August 18, 2021).

The ministry recognizes the continued impacts of COVID-19 and other pandemic-related challenges on Ontario's police services and commends the efforts that have been made towards the goal of ensuring training activities are sustained and all officers are in compliance with prescribed use of force and firearms training. If your service anticipates challenges with ensuring your members are in compliance with the prescribed training requirements, please contact the ministry Police Services Advisor assigned to your Service.

## **Enforcement of Orders**

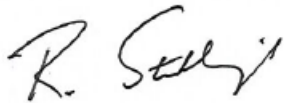
As you know, for offences under the ROA and EMCPA, police and other provincial offences officers, including First Nation Constables, special constables, and municipal by-law officers, have discretion to either issue tickets to individuals for set fine amounts or issue a summons under Part I of the *Provincial Offences Act* (POA) or to proceed under Part III of the POA by laying an information.

As the province cautiously moves ahead into Step Three, police officers and other provincial offences officers continue to have the authority to disperse gatherings or organized public events that are not complying with gathering/event limits and can temporarily close premises where prohibited gatherings or organized public events are occurring and require individuals to vacate.

The ministry continues to work with enforcement ministries and municipalities to collaborate and information share, including through the dedicated 1-800 Enforcement Support Line and email resource at [EssentialWorkplacesSupport.SolGen@ontario.ca](mailto:EssentialWorkplacesSupport.SolGen@ontario.ca). We will also continue to analyze the enforcement data that your police service provides to us to help inform data-driven decision-making.

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to once again thank you for your ongoing dedication and cooperative efforts to help keep our communities safe and healthy.

Sincerely,



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