



Internal Update

Tuesday, January 26, 2021



Provincewide Shutdown

The provincewide shutdown went into effect on Saturday, December 26, 2020.

Ontario declared a second provincial emergency on January 12, and stay-at-home orders came into effect on January 14.

Click [here](#) for more details.



COVID-19 Monitoring Dashboard

This dashboard presents status levels of four domains (below) using a three colour-coded system (Red, Yellow & Green) that reflect the SMDHU's assessment of current state of the pandemic in Simcoe Muskoka, and our local public health system.

Current Overall Status: Red - Indicators Need Attention



Virus Spread & Containment
Status: **Red**



Laboratory Testing
Status: **Yellow**



Health System Capacity
Status: **Yellow**



Public Health System Capacity
Status: **Red**

For more details on the COVID-19 Monitoring Dashboard for our region, please click [here](#).

Supervisors/Managers, please print and post this update in your area and discuss with your employees to ensure they're aware of these topics.

1) Town of Midland Active Screening

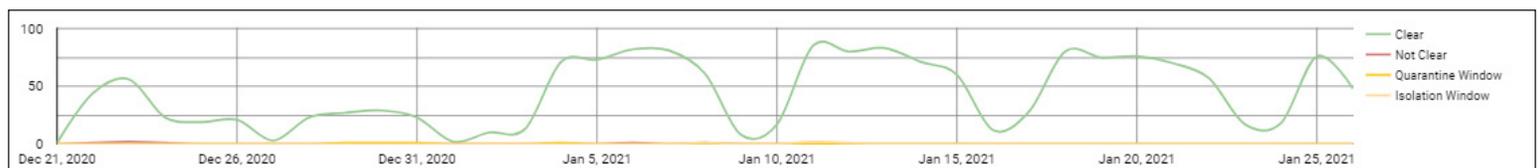
Our Active Screening SOP and the Health Unit states you must screen prior to entry into any facility or vehicle. There has been some confusion on the definition 'Probable'. The definition of probable as noted in our H&S Policy, Pandemic Case Management; Probable Case: is a person, who has not had a COVID-19 test but who has symptoms compatible with COVID-19 and any of the following within 14 calendar days:

- Traveled to an affected area (including inside of Canada), or
- Had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19, or
- Lived in or worked in a facility known to be experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19, or
- A person with symptoms compatible with COVID-19 and in whom laboratory diagnosis of COVID-19 is inconclusive.

We encourage all employees who are not yet using [Go Evo](#) to get the app and complete prior to entry into a Town facility or vehicle. You can use your home devices (tablet, laptop, cell-phone etc.) before you even leave your home that day. Using the app every day takes less than 30 seconds to complete as opposed to any manual active screening. Go EVO!

Town of Midland Active Screening Statistics

- 135 total users.
- Average of 50 users per day.
- To date, 1,623 clear screenings.





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2) Ontario extends Provincial Emergency and Stay-at-Home orders until February 9

Ontario has officially extended the province's state of emergency and all orders associated with it, including the stay-at-home order, for an additional 14 days. The state of emergency, that was declared under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) on Jan. 12, and the stay-at-home order will expire on Feb. 9, the government said.

- The [announcement of the extension](#) (part of a release on adjustments to the Vaccination Plan) was expected after Premier Doug Ford said on Jan. 12 the state of emergency would be in effect for 28 days.
- A state of emergency in Ontario must be legally extended by the government 14 days after it comes into effect.
- The lockdown will expire on Feb. 11, unless it's extended by the provincial government.
- Last week, Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. David Williams said the province would need to see daily COVID-19 cases fall to the 1,000 mark before the lockdown orders can be lifted.

To read the full article from CTV News, click [here](#).

3) COVID-19 Vaccines in Ontario

On January 19, 2021, the federal government notified the province of further reductions in Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine shipments. Ontario will not receive vaccine deliveries for the week of January 25, 2021 and will receive just over 26,000 doses for the first weeks of February. As of today, Ontario has not been provided its allocation for the weeks of February 8, 2021 and February 15, 2021, creating further uncertainty for the province's vaccine rollout.

In response to the significant reduction in distribution by the federal government and the uncertainty of future shipments, the province and vaccination sites have worked together to develop a [plan to accelerate vaccination](#) of the province's most vulnerable. Second doses will continue to be administered based on availability of supply provided by the federal government. Actions being taken include:

- Accelerate vaccination of the most vulnerable populations across Ontario with the goal of visiting each home in the province to administer first doses by February 5, 2021, pending week of February 1, 2021 delivery dates.
- Doses of the Moderna vaccine will be reallocated to 14 public health units to ensure vaccines are administered at each long-term care home in the province.

To read the full media release from the Ontario Government, click [here](#).

Vaccine Rollout

COVID-19 Vaccines	Ontario	SMDHU
Total # of Doses Administered	295,817	15,365
Total # of Completed Vaccinations (both doses administered)	83,285	960

I have been exposed to someone who has recently tested positive for COVID-19, what should I do?

From the SMDHU: If you have been identified as a close contact, and have been informed by public health or by someone in your life who has tested positive it is very important that you read this [fact sheet](#) (December 22, 2020) and take the following steps to stop the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home and self-isolate for 14 days after your last contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19.
- Only leave the house to get tested. For testing centre locations visit our [assessment centres and testing page](#).
- Monitor yourself for symptoms of COVID-19.
- If you do get tested you must still self-isolate while you wait for your results. Even if your test result is negative you must continue to self-isolate for the full 14 days.