



Update – April 14, 2020

### 1) Province extends Emergency Declaration

- On Saturday, April 11, the Province extended all emergency orders until April 23, which includes the closure of outdoor amenities, non-essential workplaces, public places and bars and restaurants, as well as restrictions on social gathering and prohibiting price gouging.
- Today, the Premier is seeking to extend the emergency declaration by another 28 days, once the legislature resumes. Currently the emergency declaration can only be extended by no more than 14 days without a vote by the legislature.

### 2) Extension of Town facility closures

- With the expected extension of the Province's emergency declaration, the Town will announce an extension of our facility closures until at least May 12. This includes the Town Hall, and public access to the Fire Hall and Wastewater Treatment Centre.
- The NSSRC will remain closed and will not be accepting bookings/facility rentals until at least June 7, 2020.

### 3) Transit reduced hours extended

- The reduced hours "Saturday" schedule has been further extended until at least Monday, May 4.

### 4) Ontario Businesses stepping up to fight COVID-19

- Since the Province launched the Ontario Together portal on March 21, appealing to Ontario manufacturers and businesses to provide essential supplies and equipment for front line workers fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, over 14,000 submissions have been received.
- More than 7,500 submissions have resulted in the Province purchasing:
  - 5.1 million gloves;
  - 20 million masks;
  - 250,000 face shields; and
  - 50,000 units of clip-on hand sanitizer for OPP officers.

For more details, visit: [Ontario Together Submissions](#)

### 5) Province developing new Health Data Platform

- The Province is developing a new health data platform called Pandemic Threat Response (PANTHR) to better detect, plan and respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Information gathered will help break down barrier to help with:
  - Increasing detection of COVID-19;
  - Discovering risk factors for vulnerable populations;
  - Predicting when/where outbreaks may occur;
  - Evaluate how preventative and treatment measures are working; and
  - Identifying where to allocate equipment and other resources.

For more details, visit: [Pandemic Threat Response](#)

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If you think you may have COVID-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has it, first self-isolate and then use [Ontario's Self-Assessment Tool](#) to see if you need to seek further care.

**Remember to pre-screen daily when entering any Town building.**

Any changes within a department will now be provided to Randy to be included in an update and copied to [HR@midland.ca](mailto:HR@midland.ca) for tracking.