



Update – April 6, 2020

### **1) Ontario Government reduces Essential Workplace list**

- Following the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ontario government is reducing the list of businesses classified as essential and ordering more workplaces to close. This measure is necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health of the people of Ontario, while ensuring that necessary goods and services remain available.
- The government ordered all businesses not covered by the updated Emergency Order to close effective as of Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. This closure will be in effect for 14 days, with the possibility of an extension as the situation evolves.
- To view the updated list of essential businesses, visit: [Essential Business List](#)

### **2) Statistics Canada launches Impacts of COVID-19 on Canadians Survey**

- In these difficult times, when everyone's lives are being affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, Canadians can do something important for their family, friends, neighbours and community.
- All levels of government need reliable information on the current economic and social situation, as well as on people's physical and mental health, to effectively assess the needs of communities and implement suitable support measures during and after the pandemic.
- To take the survey, visit: [COVID-19 Impact Survey](#)

### **3) COVID-19 Modelling released by Ontario Government**

- The Province released a sobering, transparent modelling document in the fight against COVID-19 that reveals several scenarios resulting from various levels of public health measures.
- The modelling highlights how our efforts (physical distance, self-isolation, essential trips only) have already made a difference and the importance of continuing with those efforts.
- For more details, visit: [COVID-19 Modelling Release](#)

### **4) Online learning begins for students in Ontario today**

- With schools being closed until at least May 1, the Province and school boards are rolling out their distance-based continuity of learning programs
- Most students/parents in the Simcoe County District School Board area should have received some details from their child's teachers over the past few days, with more information expected as the week progresses. visit the [COVID-19 page on their website](#), or follow them on social media (Twitter: [@SCDSB\\_Schools](#) or Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/SCDSB>).
- The SCDSB also reminds parents that they can consult the Province's [Learn at Home](#) portal for more resources for continuing your children's education at home.

### **5) Quick Facts for helping to reduce the spread of COVID-19**

- Everyone in Ontario should stay home unless absolutely necessary and practice physical distancing to reduce their exposure to other people. Avoid close contact (within 2 metres) with people outside of your immediate household.



- 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.
- Take these everyday steps to reduce exposure to the virus and protect your health: wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer; sneeze and cough into your sleeve; avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth; avoid contact with people who are sick; and stay home if you are sick.

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**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.