



Update – June 19, 2020

We are looking to share positive news about staff! If you've had some good news, please email rfee@midland.ca to include in a future update!

1) Ontario Extends Emergency Orders to June 30th

The government will continue to review each order on an ongoing, case-by-case basis to determine when and if they can safely be adjusted or lifted, as part of the reopening framework. To read the full media release, visit: [Emergency Orders Extended until June 30](#)

2) 7 more health unit regions permitted by the Province to move into Stage 2 on Friday

The latest public health unit regions allowed to move into Stage 2 on Friday, June 19, 2020:

- Durham Region Health Department;
- Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit;
- Halton Region Health Department;
- Hamilton Public Health Services;
- Lambton Health Unit;
- Niagara Region Public Health Department; and
- York Region Public Health Services.

The following regions will remain in Stage 1:

- Peel Public Health;
- Toronto Public Health; and
- Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.

To read the full media release, visit: [Ontario Permits More regions to enter Stage 2](#)

3) SMH DU guidance: Social bubbles becoming social circles and the province approves social gatherings of up to 10 people

What are Social Circles?

- Are close members of your group who are exclusively associated with your household.
- Examples of social circles are grandparents joining their immediate family, or close friends merging their household with another to allow for a larger social circle.
- When joining with another household to form a new social circle you do not have to maintain the two-metre distancing.
- You are now a single “exclusive” group. You can have dinner around the table together, ride in a car together and hug members of your social circle.

Social Gatherings - Expanded from a group of five to maximum of ten

- This means you can socialize from a two-metre distance, with up to 10 people.
 - In a social gathering you could be outside together but sit apart.
 - If you were having a BBQ, you would not share a dinner table or have any self-serve and communal foods like chips or popcorn.
- If you choose to have a social gathering everyone should bring their own cutlery, glassware, food and drinks. Provide disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer for guests to use when entering the home or outdoor area and avoid sharing hand towels. More information is available here: [Social Circles & Social Gatherings](#).

4) SMDHU Guidance: Anti Racism protests during COVID-19

The **Georgian Bay Black Lives Matter March** is this Saturday June 20. SMDHU strongly encourages participants in organized protests and anti-racism events to do so in the safest possible way to protect themselves and others by taking the following steps:

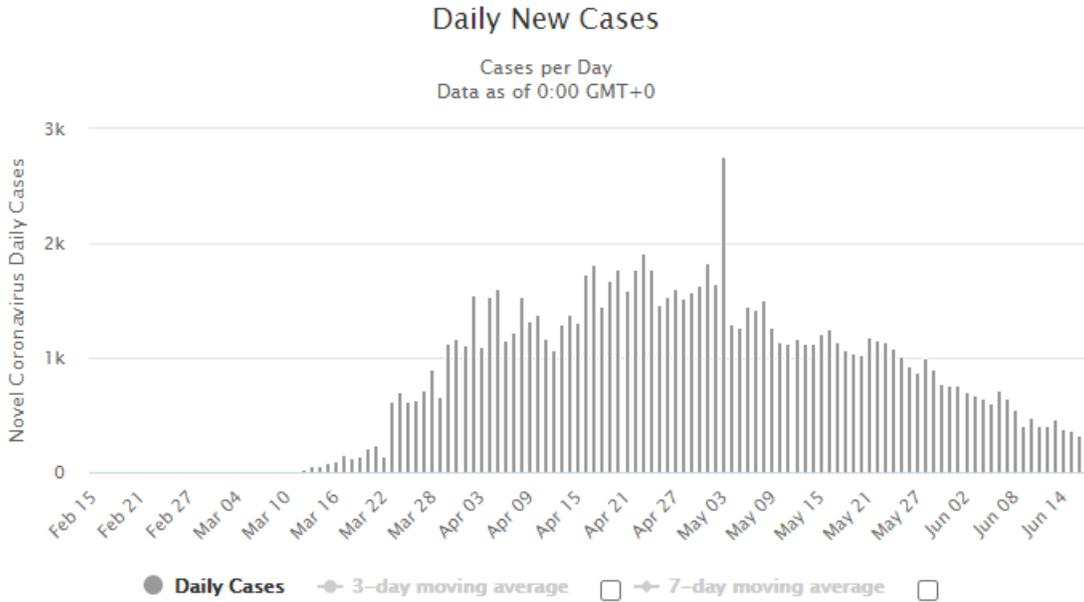
- **Do not attend events if you are ill** or have symptoms of COVID-19 or are in self-isolation as a COVID-19 case or contact.
- **Practise physical distancing** to reduce exposure to other people — this means staying at least two metres away from anyone outside your household.
- **Wear a non-medical mask** when in public.
- **Frequently wash your hands** with soap and water if possible and bring alcohol-based hand sanitizer with you to the event.
- **Sneeze and cough into your sleeve**, avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth and avoid contact with people who are sick.
- **Attend outdoor events versus indoor events** to encourage spacing of people.
- **Consider alternatives** (e.g. signs, banners) to shouting or chanting to avoid spreading droplets.
- **Or consider alternate ways to participate** such as using social media and virtual protests, especially for those who are sick or immune compromised.



We all must remember that COVID-19 remains a threat to our communities. As people and communities stand together to stop the spread of racism, we must also remain vigilant in stopping the spread of COVID-19.

5) Good News: New Case numbers in Canada continue to drop

- Over the past week Canada has seen daily numbers of new cases drop under 400, with our currently 3-day moving average sitting at 355 (as of June 17)



(Source: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/canada/>)

- Since May 30, when the number of active cases peaked at 35,014, the active case totals have dropped by over 15%, and as of June 17 the active cases in Canada sits at 29,582.

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 Clerks@midland.ca for tracking.