

Memo

To: Municipalities and Business Community

From: Dr. Kieran Moore, Medical Officer of Health at KFL&A Public Health

Date: Friday, November 20, 2020

Re: KFL&A Region Moving to Yellow (Protect) Level of the COVID-19 Response Framework: *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open*

Today, the Government of Ontario placed KFL&A Public Health in the Yellow-Protect level of the provincial COVID-19 Response Framework. Strengthened public health measures will come into effect in our service areas to help control the spread of COVID-19 on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. Some of these new measures include limited hours of operations for certain settings, reduced recreational program sizes, collection of patron contact information, and a safety plan.

Earlier this week, case counts reached an all time high of 36 active cases and in our area since March 2020 there has been 233 total cases. These numbers combined with our health care system trying to provide ongoing care during COVID-19 require stronger protection measures are put in place. The yellow-protect restrictions must be accompanied by a re-commitment of everyone to the basic public health prevention measures (i.e., limit in-person social interactions to people within your household, stay home if you have symptoms of illness, limit travelling outside of the KFL&A region to only essential travel (e.g., work related), and continue to practice good hand hygiene).

There are some new and specific measures that come with the provincial yellow-protect level. All measures are listed in [Government of Ontario amended O. Reg. 364/20 Rules for Areas in Stage 3 under the Reopening Ontario Act, 2020](#). Owners and operators of businesses and organizations are strongly encouraged to carefully review the regulation and determine which sections apply to their sector. The following general and sector specific restrictions highlight the key additional measures in moving from the green-prevent to the yellow-protect level.

General restrictions for gatherings, workplace requirements, and face coverings:

- Measures remain the same from previous green-prevent level.

Bars, restaurants, food establishments and meeting and event spaces:

- All measures outlined in the previous green-prevent level.
- Hours of operation are limited, and establishments must close at midnight. Some exceptions apply including takeout and drive-through or delivery service.
- Hours of liquor sale are limited from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., no consumption allowed between midnight and 9 a.m.
- Group seating are limited to a maximum of 6 people.
- Contact information is required from all seated patrons.
- Limit volume of music.
- All businesses must have a [safety plan](#) in place.

Casinos, bingo halls, and gaming establishments:

- All measures outlined in the previous green-prevent level.
- Hours of liquor sale are limited from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., no consumption allowed between midnight and 9 a.m.
- Contact information is required from all patrons.
- All businesses must have a [safety plan](#) in place.

Cinemas and performing arts facilities:

- All measures outlined in the previous green-prevent level.
- Hours of liquor sale are limited from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., no consumption allowed between midnight and 9 a.m.
- Contact information is required from all patrons.
- All businesses must have a [safety plan](#) in place.

Sports and recreational facilities:

- All measures outlined in the previous green-prevent level.
- Increased spacing between patrons to 3 metres apart for areas of a sport or recreational facility where there are weights or weight machines and exercise and fitness classes.
- Recreational programs are limited to 10 people per room indoors and 25 outdoors.
- Contact information is required by everyone in attendance.
- Reservations are required for entry.
- All businesses must have a [safety plan](#) in place.

Retail:

- All measures outlined in the previous green-prevent level.
- Limit volume of music.
- All malls must have a [safety plan](#) in place.

Personal service settings:

- All measures outlined in the previous green-prevent level.
- Contact information is required from all patrons.
- All businesses must have a [safety plan](#) in place.

For detailed information on the specific measures we must follow review the provincial [COVID-19 Response Framework](#). KFL&A Public Health will continue to work closely with area businesses and organizations to provide support and answer questions.

For more information or if you have questions, please visit the COVID-19 section on our [agency's website](#) or call KFL&A Public Health at 613-549-1232 or 1-800-267-7875.