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AMO Policy Update



June 1, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Stay at Home Orders to Expire Tomorrow with COVID-19 Restrictions Still in Place

Ontario's [Stay-at-Home order](#) will expire tomorrow on June 2, 2021. When it does, all other public health and workplace measures will remain in place provincially until Ontario enters Step One of the Roadmap to Reopen, at which point some restrictions will ease with an initial focus on outdoor settings. Step One is expected around June 14th, depending on the state of the COVID-19 metrics at that time.

As you may remember, on April 7, 2021 the Ontario government declared a provincial emergency and issued a Stay-at-Home order as well as enhanced public health measures given the rapid rise of COVID-19 transmission rates with the new variants. This order required everyone to stay at home except for the purposes set out in the order, such as exercise, going to the grocery store or pharmacy, or accessing health care services. However, once the Stay-at-Home order expires on June 2, these restrictions will no longer be in effect.

That said, all other existing measures will remain in place provincially, including restrictions on gatherings, businesses, services, and activities. This includes limiting indoor gatherings to households only and outdoor gatherings to up to five people, subject to limited exceptions, maintaining a cap of 25 per cent capacity for essential retail where only certain goods are permitted to be sold, restricting non-essential retail to curbside pickup and delivery only, as well as limiting short-term rentals to individuals in need of housing and allowing Ontario Parks and campgrounds on public lands to be used for day use only, subject to limited exceptions.

People also will be able to leave home to travel within the province to a secondary residence for any reason, however, they are not permitted to host members of another household indoors except for a person from another household who lives alone or a caregiver.

A summary of restrictions can be found on the Province's "[Reopening Ontario](#)" [webpage](#), which provides details on what public health measures are in place before the Province enters Step One of the [Roadmap to Reopen](#).

With the expiry of the Stay-at-Home order, emergency order [O. Reg 266/21 \(Residential Evictions\)](#) will also expire on June 2, 2021. Emergency orders currently in effect under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* have been extended until June 16, 2021 such as:

- [O. Reg. 8/21 Enforcement of COVID-19 Measures](#)
- [O. Reg. 55/21 Compliance Orders for Retirement Homes](#)
- [O. Reg. 272/21 Transfer of Hospital Patients](#)
- [O. Reg. 288/21 Closure of Public Lands for Recreational Camping](#)
- [O. Reg. 293/21 Persons Entering Ontario From Manitoba or Quebec.](#)

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June 3, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Blue Box Regulation Released and Province Easing Restrictions on Long-Term Care

Blue Box Regulation for Full Producer Responsibility Transition

The Province today released the regulation to transition the Blue Box to [full producer responsibility](#). This transition will occur between July 1st, 2023 and the end of 2025. It will move Ontario forward with better environmental and economic outcomes.

This is an important milestone for municipalities and for Ontario's environment. Municipal governments are ready to implement this transition to full producer responsibility smoothly and seamlessly.

“These changes to the Blue Box program reflect the most important advances in waste diversion since the program was created two decades ago,” said AMO President Graydon Smith. “It will save property taxpayers \$150 million a year and lead to better, more innovative, and sustainable packaging practices.”

The final regulation includes the following provisions:

- establishment of a province-wide common collection system that transitions all current municipal programs and expands servicing to:
 - all communities regardless of size (except Far North)
 - all residential dwelling types
 - all schools
 - all publicly run retirement homes and long-term care facilities, and
 - more public spaces.
- an enhanced and standardized list of materials that will need to be collected and recycled

- high, progressive, and enforceable targets
- certainty for planning to ensure a seamless transition.

We expect that the regulation will be posted on the Ontario e-laws site soon.

AMO has scheduled a webinar for municipal staff on Wednesday, June 9th from 12 noon to 2 pm to provide more details on the regulation and how municipalities can ensure they are prepared for the transition. Municipal staff can [register to attend](#) this webinar now.

Province Easing Restrictions on Long-Term Care

Effective Wednesday, June 9th, the Ontario government [announced](#) it is easing some restrictions in long-term care homes. The purpose is to allow residents to have more social connections with family, friends, and other residents. The decision is due to high levels of vaccination in long-term care homes and improvements in key public health care indicators. Changes include:

- Residents who have been fully immunized can leave their long-term care homes for day and overnight social outings and trips.
- Residents with mobility limitations or health conditions (essentially, factors unrelated to weather) that make participating in outdoor visits highly unlikely or impossible may have one general visitor at a time inside the long-term care home, in addition to an essential caregiver.
- Regardless of resident and visitor vaccination status, brief hugs can now take place. Where both the resident and visitors are fully immunized, close physical contact, including handholding, can now safely take place. Residents and visitors are to adhere to public health measures in the home, including good hand hygiene and appropriate masking.

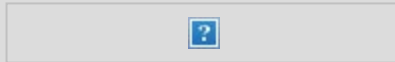
Further specific information is found in an updated Directive #3, as well as the Ministry of Long-Term Care's [visitor policy](#) and [guidance document](#). The government will monitor the ongoing situation in the vulnerable sector to protect health and safety and promote mental health and well-being.

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June 7, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Province Moving to Step One of Its Roadmap to Reopen on Friday, June 11th, 2021

Ontario is moving to Step One of its [Roadmap to Reopen](#) at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, June 11, 2021. All public health and workplace safety measures currently in place will remain in effect until that time. Step One of the Roadmap focuses on the resumption of more outdoor activities with smaller crowds where risk of transmission is lower. It will also permit more limited indoor settings to be open, all with restrictions in place.

As of June 11th, activities permitted in Step One will include, but are not limited to:

- outdoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 10 people;
- outdoor religious services, rites, or ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services, capped at the number of people that can maintain a physical distance of two metres;
- indoor religious services, rites, or ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services permitted at up to 15 per cent capacity of the particular room;
- non-essential retail permitted at 15 per cent capacity, with no restrictions on the goods that can be sold;
- essential and other select retail permitted at 25 per cent capacity, with no restrictions on the goods that can be sold;
- outdoor dining with up to four people per table, with exceptions for larger households;
- outdoor fitness classes, outdoor groups in personal training, and outdoor individual/team sport training to be permitted with up to 10 people, among other restrictions;
- day camps for children permitted to operate in a manner consistent with the safety guidelines for COVID-19 produced by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health;
- overnight camping at campgrounds and campsites, including Ontario Parks, and short-term rentals;

- concert venues, theatres, and cinemas may open outdoors for the purpose of rehearsing or performing a recorded or broadcasted concert, artistic event, theatrical performance or other performance with no more than 10 performers, among other restrictions;
- outdoor horse racing tracks and motor speedways permitted to operate without spectators; and
- outdoor attractions such as zoos, landmarks, historic sites, botanical gardens with capacity and other restrictions.

In addition, school boards for public and private elementary and high schools will be permitted for brief outdoor end-of-year celebrations, provided they meet specific [requirements](#).

Public health and workplace safety measures will continue to apply in Step One, including maintaining physical distance, capacity limits, and wearing face coverings in indoor spaces and whenever physical distancing is a challenge.

The Province will remain in Step One for at least 21 days to evaluate any impacts on key public health and health system indicators. The Province will move to Step Two of the Roadmap if at the end of 21 days the Province has vaccinated 70 per cent of adults with one dose and 20 per cent of adults with two doses, and there are continued improvements in other key public health and health system indicators.

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2020 AMO Conference



June 5, 2021

AMO 2021 Conference Can't Miss Program

For 2021, AMO is once again bringing to you, the issues that matter most. The following are just a sample of the sessions that will be available at this year's conference:

- Broadband
- Community Paramedicine
- Long-term Care Reform
- Ontario Health Teams
- Housing and Neighbourhood Revitalization
- Policing
- Economic Impacts of Climate Change
- Promoting the Best Interests of Children and Youth in Communities
- Conservation Authorities
- Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs)
- E-permitting for Building Officials
- Waste Diversion
- Local Impacts of Cannabis Production
- MPAC

AMO 2021 will also feature all the usual elements, including speeches by the Premier, opposition leaders and Ministers, along with three Ministers' forums.

This year's ***Path to Economic Recovery Panel*** features **the Honorable Peter Bethlenfalvy**, Minister of Finance and President of the Treasury Board who will share his perspectives and insights from his front row seat in Ontario's economic policy; well-known economist, writer, and [Atkinson Fellow on the Future of Workers](#), **Armine Yalnizyan**, joins the panel for 2021 with important perspectives on the future of employment and economic participation and **Diane J Brisebois**, President and CEO of the [Retail Council of Canada](#) returns to the 2021 panel with perspectives on what conditions will be required to help ensure the recovery of Ontario's retail industry and, in turn, Ontario's economy. The panel will be moderated again this year by Steve Paikin, host of TVO's [The Agenda with Steve Paikin](#).

This year's ***Women's Leadership Forum*** features a new lineup of distinguished leaders including Ontario's Lieutenant Governor **Elizabeth Dowdeswell**, groundbreaking parliamentarian and activist **Jean Augustine**, and MP for Saanich-Gulf Islands **Elizabeth May**. The forum will be moderated by **Nam Kiwanuka**, host of TVO's [The Agenda in the Summer](#).

These are in addition to three amazing keynote speakers. **André Picard** will speak about his latest book, ***Neglected No More***, which takes a hard look at how our society came to embrace mass institutionalization, and lays out what can and must be done to improve the state of care for the elderly in Canada. **Sheila Watt-Cloutier** will address delegates on the social, cultural, and economic impacts of climate change and what that means for your communities. **Anthony McLean** will address issues of bias, inclusion, and mental health and their impacts on our institutions and the people around us. Additional information about our 2021 Keynote Speakers can be found on the [AMO conference site](#).

Register Today

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