

YCC 323/Covid-19 Update February 18th, 2021

Dear Resident,

It goes without saying that we all want to reopen our communities and the amenities and return to pre-COVID-19 normality as soon as possible. After all it has been over a year now since we all first heard of the Covid-19 pandemic. We know the province is moving in the direction of slowly reopening again with the recent announcement. The region-by-region relaxation of restrictions will depend on trends and public health indicators and could be reversed at any time if numbers worsen.

On Monday, February 8th the province announced that the State of Emergency will not be extended beyond February 9th and that regions will gradually lift the Stay-at-Home Order and return to the colour-coded framework that was in place prior to the province-wide "lockdown" since Dec. 26. However, it is likely that the three hot zones – Toronto, Peel and York – will re-enter the Grey Zone when the stay-at-home order is lifted on February 22.

Again we would like to thank our residents for their care and cooperation which have so far kept our building free of COVID.

The Colour-Coded Framework

The colour-coded rules, in order of the least to the most strict are: **green** (prevent), **yellow** (protect), **orange** (restrict), **red** (control) and **grey** (lockdown)

Grey- Lockdown:

- No indoor social gatherings are permitted except with members of the same household. Outdoor gatherings are limited to 10.
- Real estate showings may occur by appointment only. Open houses remain prohibited.
- Renovations are prohibited unless they were in progress before January 12 or are considered necessary or an emergency.
- Facilities for indoor or outdoor sports and recreational fitness activities are closed. In-person personal physical fitness or sports trainers are prohibited.
- Pools, fitness centres, meeting rooms and other recreational facilities are not permitted to open.
- Cleaning and maintenance services permitted, including housekeepers, cooks, maids and butlers, personal affairs management, nanny services and babysitters.
- Short-term Rentals - No new reservations after November 22, 2020 permitted, except for individuals who need housing.
- Non-essential, in-store retail will reopen with capacity restrictions
- Personal care services, such as hair salons and barbers, remain closed.

Contact tracing and sanitization at 50 Quebec

Screening of all contractors and staff of 50 Quebec is an ongoing daily task that will stay in place and help assist in contact tracing if a positive case is presented. Residents should report to management if they test positive and will be quarantining at home. It is imperative that the staff becomes notified as soon as possible so the necessary protocols can be activated to prevent the spread. Residents will be notified of an active case in the building but will not be told the name or the unit.

Many of you may have noticed a new fogging machine that disperses sanitization solution in a form of a mist. This machine is used daily by the superintendents on the mailboxes, elevators, chute rooms and any highly touched surfaces in addition to the sanitization already in place. The solution used was researched to provide the best quality, safety, and effectiveness against Covid-19 viruses. It is health Canada approved, noncorrosive, non irritating, SDS approved rating of 0-0, NSF certified sanitizer in a food sector, it is used in hospitals and transportation.

Renovations

All nonessential or non emergency renovations are still postponed. The building's monthly maintenance and inspections of various building elements like elevator, fire safety, HVAC, pest/odour, Landscaping are essential to enable the building to run safely and smoothly and will continue.

Ontario's six-point plan to Stop the Spread of COVID-19 Variants

The Ontario government is taking decisive action to stop the spread of new COVID-19 variants throughout the province. It is implementing a six-point plan which includes mandatory on-arrival testing of international travellers, enhanced screening, and sequencing to identify the new variants, maintaining public health measures to keep people safe, strengthening case and contact management to track the spread of new cases, enhanced protections for vulnerable populations, and leveraging the latest data to inform public health decisions.

Returning from travel

The Government of Canada strongly advises to cancel or postpone non-essential travel plans outside of Canada. People who travel by air for non-essential reasons, such as vacation, will face new measures and expenses when they return to Canada

Travellers must still provide proof of a negative COVID-19 molecular test taken within 72 hours before their scheduled departure time. In the coming weeks, travellers will also be required to:

- take a COVID-19 molecular test on arrival in Canada
- reserve a room in a hotel for 3 nights at their own cost, while they await their test results

All hotels will be located near one of the 4 Canadian airports currently accepting international flights:

1. Vancouver International Airport
2. Calgary International Airport
3. Toronto Pearson International Airport
4. Montreal-Trudeau International Airport

This new 3-day accommodation requirement will be mandatory for all air travellers arriving in Canada, with some limited exceptions. Travellers must remain in their hotel rooms. They are responsible for all associated costs, such as:

- hotel room
- food
- security
- infection control
- transportation

Due to these extra costs, travellers can expect to pay significantly more than the cost of a traditional hotel room booking. Travellers will complete the rest of their 14-day quarantine at their planned location once they:

- receive a negative test result from their on-arrival molecular test **and**
- demonstrate that they have a suitable quarantine plan

This includes travellers using public transportation and those taking a domestic flight to their final destination.

Find below link regarding the new restrictions:

www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2021/01/government-of-canada-introduces-further-restrictions-on-international-travel.html

Information and government announcements are continuously being made and we are committed to providing you with updates as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. For the most up-to date information please visit:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/>

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccines-ontario>