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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.

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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