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C L A S S O R D E R

made pursuant to Section 22(5.0.1) of the Health Protection and Promotion Act

THIS CLASS ORDER ISSUED AND EFFECTIVE JANUARY 11, 2022 AT 5:00 p.m.
REPLACES AND SUPERCEDES THE ORDER ISSUED AND EFFECTIVE
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AT 5:00 p.m.

Date: January 10, 2022

TO: All persons residing in or present in the City of Toronto who:

- (a) are a person diagnosed with COVID-19;
- (b) have the signs and symptoms of COVID-19, have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting the results of their test;
- (c) otherwise have reasonable grounds to believe they have symptoms of COVID-19;
- (d) are a close contact of a person identified in (a), (b), or (c) above; or
- (e) have been instructed by Toronto Public Health to self-isolate, including in circumstances other than those in (a), (b), (c) or (d) above.

I, Eileen de Villa, Medical Officer of Health for the City of Toronto Health Unit, order you to take the following actions, **effective 5:00 p.m. on January 11, 2022:**

1. Isolate yourself without delay for the applicable time period specified by current [Ministry of Health guidance](#), and described on [Toronto Public Health's website](#), both as may be amended from time to time, or as otherwise instructed by Toronto Public Health. Your isolation period may vary depending on which category above ((a) through (e)) applies to you, and other factors including your vaccination status and health condition.

If you are unable to access the above referenced websites or require assistance in determining your isolation requirements, please contact the Toronto Public Health Hotline for COVID-19 at 416-338-7600.

2. Isolation requires that you remain in your home or isolation facility. Do not go outside, unless on to a private balcony or enclosed yard where you can avoid close contact with others. You must not have any visitors into your home except as permitted by Toronto Public Health.

3. During the self-isolation period:
 - (i) Conduct yourself in such a manner as not to expose another person to infection or potential infection from COVID-19 by following infection control instructions on the Toronto Public Health website, located at: <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-what-you-should-do/>, or given to you by Toronto Public Health or any other staff of a healthcare facility to which you may seek or receive treatment.
 - (ii) Keep away from vulnerable persons.
 - (iii) Inform Toronto Public Health if you require any necessities or additional medical care through the Toronto Public Health Hotline for COVID-19 at 416-338-7600.
 - (iv) Follow any further instructions provided by Toronto Public Health pertaining to COVID-19 and the terms and conditions of this Order. In particular, you should seek clinical assessment over the phone - either by calling your primary care provider's office or Telehealth Ontario 1-866-797-0000. If you need additional assessment, your primary care provider or Telehealth Ontario will direct you to in-person care options.
 - (v) Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (for example, difficulty breathing) by calling 911 and mentioning your COVID-19 related diagnosis or symptoms.
4. Upon request, provide Toronto Public Health with the names and contact information (telephone numbers, residential addresses, and email addresses) for all individuals with whom you may have had close contact during the dates and times specified by Toronto Public Health.
5. Upon request, provide Toronto Public Health with proof of your vaccination status in the form of a Ministry of Health Dose Administration Receipt or other proof satisfactory to Toronto Public Health.
6. The requirements of this Order are subject to necessary modifications for the following persons or class of persons:
 - (i) a person or class of persons who, in accordance with [Ministry of Health guidance](#) or otherwise in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health, provides an essential service, for the limited purpose of providing that essential service;
 - (ii) a person receiving essential medical services or treatments, whether or not related to COVID-19; or
 - (iii) where the person's isolation, in the opinion of Toronto Public Health, would not be in the public interest.

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to this Order:

"close contact" means you are caring for or living in the same household with someone who has COVID-19 or otherwise meet the criteria for being a close contact as set out in [Ministry of Health guidance](#) and described on [the Toronto Public Health website](#), or have otherwise been identified as a close contact by Toronto Public Health.

"Toronto Public Health" means the Medical Officer of Health for the City of Toronto Health Unit or Toronto Public Health staff acting under the direction of the Medical Officer of Health.

"vulnerable person" includes a person who (i) is at risk of severe disease, such as a person who has a compromised immune system from a medical condition or treatment, is 65 years of age or older, or is pregnant; or (ii) lives in or attends a setting where there is a higher risk of transmission, such as a congregate setting or where there is a large number of unvaccinated people.

THE REASONS for this ORDER are that:

1. COVID-19 is a disease of public health significance and has been designated as communicable under Ontario Regulation 135/18 under the Health Protection and Promotion Act. COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization.
2. COVID-19 and its variants of concern are present in the City of Toronto and therefore pose a risk to the health of the residents of the City of Toronto through community transmission. The COVID-19 virus is spread from an infected person to a close contact by direct contact or when respiratory secretions from the infected person enter the eyes, nose or mouth of another person.
3. To contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus, individuals experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or who are infected with COVID-19, as well as close contacts of individuals diagnosed with COVID-19, are required to isolate themselves from other people until they are no longer infectious or potentially infectious. Isolation ensures that these people will not spread their infection to others should they have COVID-19 or become infected with COVID-19.

I am of the opinion, on reasonable and probable grounds that:

- a. a communicable disease exists or may exist or there is an immediate risk of an outbreak of a communicable disease in the health unit served by me;
- b. the communicable disease presents a risk to the health of persons in the health unit served by me; and

- c. the requirements specified in this Order are necessary in order to decrease or eliminate the risk to health presented by the communicable disease.

I am also of the opinion that the delivery of notice of this Order to each and every member of the class is likely to cause a delay that could significantly increase the risk to the health of any person residing in the health unit, so notice shall be provided through the public media and the internet via posting on the City of Toronto public website: www.toronto.ca/coronavirus.

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE THAT each member of the class is entitled to a hearing by the Health Services Appeal and Review Board if the member has delivered to me and to the Health Services Appeal and Review Board, notice in writing, requesting a hearing within 15 days after publication of this Order.

All requests for appeals and reviews, submissions, materials, and inquiries must be sent to the Health Services Appeal and Review Board by e-mail to hsarb@ontario.ca or faxed at 416-327-8524. See: <http://www.hsarb.on.ca/> for current information.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT although a hearing may be requested this Order takes effect when it is delivered to a member of the class or brought to the attention of a member of the class.

FAILURE to comply with this Order is an offence for which you may be liable, on conviction, to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for every day or part of each day on which the offence occurs or continues or, should a ticket be issued to you, a fine in the amount of \$750.00.



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This Order shall be posted on the Toronto Public Health website: www.toronto.ca/coronavirus. Inquiries about this Order should be directed to the Toronto Public Health Hotline for COVID-19 at 416-338-7600.