

**ORDER of the Medical Officer of Health  
under Section 22  
*Health Protection and Promotion Act*  
R.S.O., 1990**

Date: July 28, 2020

**THIS ORDER IS DIRECTED TO:**

ALL PERSONS RESIDING IN THE COUNTY OF BRANT AND THE CITY OF BRANTFORD, WHO:

1. ARE IDENTIFIED AS A PERSON DIAGNOSED WITH THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ("COVID-19");
2. HAVE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19, HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR COVID-19 AND ARE AWAITING THE RESULTS OF THEIR TEST;
3. OTHERWISE HAVE REASONABLE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19;

OR

4. ARE A CLOSE CONTACT\* OF A PERSON IDENTIFIED IN 1, 2 OR 3 ABOVE. (\*close contact means you are caring for or living in the same household with someone who has COVID-19 or have otherwise been identified as a close contact by the Brant County Health Unit).

WHEREAS the World Health Organization has declared a public health emergency as a result of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus declared pandemic;

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has declared an emergency pursuant to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.9, as a result of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus pandemic;

WHEREAS to contain the spread of COVID-19, individuals experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or who are infected with COVID-19, as well as their close contacts, are required to isolate themselves from other people until they are no longer infectious or potentially infectious;

WHEREAS isolation ensures that these people will not spread their infection to others;

WHEREAS the Medical Officer of Health of the Brant County Health Unit, is of the opinion, upon reasonable and probable grounds, that:

- (a) There is an immediate risk of an outbreak of COVID-19 in the area served by the Brant County Health Unit;

- (b) COVID-19 presents a risk to the health of persons in the area served by the Brant County Health Unit; and
- (c) the requirements specified in this Order are necessary in order to decrease or eliminate the risk to health presented by COVID-19;

WHEREAS the Health Protection and Promotion Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7 (the "HPPA") provides that an order may be directed to a class of persons;

and

WHEREAS the Medical Officer of Health is of the opinion that delivery of notice of this Order to each member of a class of persons is likely to cause a delay that could significantly increase the risk to the health of any person;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dr Elizabeth Urbantke, Medical Officer of Health of the Brant County Health Unit, order you to take the following actions, effective 11:59PM on July 28, 2020:

1. Isolate yourself without delay in accordance with instructions provided by the Brant County Health Unit. This includes remaining in your home or isolation facility. Do not go outside, unless onto a private balcony or private yard where you can avoid close contact with others. You must not have any visitors into your home except as permitted by the Brant County Health Unit.
2. Remain in isolation until the expiry of a 14-day period. Unless otherwise instructed by the Brant County Health Unit, the 14-day period begins either: (1) on the day on which you first show symptoms, are tested, or are diagnosed with COVID-19, whichever day is earliest; or (2) on the last day you were a close contact (as defined above).
3. During the self-isolation period, 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 given to you by the Brant County Health Unit or any other staff of a health care facility to which you may seek or receive treatment.
4. Keep away from vulnerable persons – those are, persons who (a) have an underlying medical condition; (b) have a compromised immune system from a medical condition or treatment; (c) are 65 years of age or older; or (d) are reliant upon a homeless shelter or other congregate living setting.
5. Follow any further instructions provided by the Brant County Health Unit 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. Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (e.g. difficulty breathing) by calling 911 and mentioning your COVID-19 related diagnosis or symptoms.

6. The requirements of this Order are subject to necessary modifications for the following persons or class of persons:
- a. a person who, in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health, is asymptomatic and provides an essential service, for the limited purpose of allowing that person to provide the essential service;
  - b. a person receiving essential medical services or treatments, whether or not related to COVID-19; or
  - c. where a person's isolation, in the opinion of the Brant County Health Unit, would not be in the public interest.

This Order comes into effect on the time/date indicated above and will remain in effect until further notice.

Every person to whom this Order is directed is entitled to a hearing by the Health Services Review and Appeal Board (the "Board") if the person mails or delivers to the Medical Officer of Health and to the Board, within fifteen days after a copy of the order is served on the person, notice in writing requiring a hearing. Notice to the Medical Officer of Health shall be mailed or delivered to: Dr. Elizabeth Urbantke, Brant County Health Unit, 194 Terrace Hill St, Ontario, N3R 1G7. Notice to the Board shall be mailed or delivered to: Health Services Review and Appeal Board, 151 Bloor Street West, 9th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2T5 (telephone: 416-327-8512). Be advised that although a hearing may be requested, this Order takes effect immediately.

Inquiries regarding this Order shall be directed to the Brant County Health Unit at 519-753-4937 ext. 470 or by fax at 519-753-2140.

Failure to comply with this Order is an offence to which you are liable on conviction to a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual or \$25,000.00 for a corporation for every day or part of a day on which the offence occurs or continues.



Dr. Elizabeth Urbantke, MD, CCFP(EM)  
Acting Medical Officer of Health