



# Renfrew County and District Health Unit

## COVID-19 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS):

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

#### What is the Section 22 Class Order?

The Class Order, made pursuant to Section 22 (5.0.1) of the Health Protection and Promotion Act, came into effect on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This order **requires** residents to follow public health COVID-19 self-isolation direction. If residents fail to follow self-isolation direction, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) has the authority to **enforce** compliance through the use of daily fines and/or possible detainment.

#### Why was this order issued?

The Section 22 Class Order was made to ensure that community transmission of COVID-19 is minimized or eliminated. As COVID-19 is present in RCDHU, an increase in the number of cases of COVID-19 will increase community disease transmission, increase the potential for outbreaks in congregate settings (like schools and long-term care homes), and affect the morbidity and mortality of persons living within Renfrew County and District.

#### Who is the order issued to?

This Order is issued to those who:

- a) are a confirmed case or probable case of COVID-19;
- b) have [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 now have one or more symptoms (even mild symptoms) of COVID-19; or
- d) are a close contact\* of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 or are a close contact of a person identified as a probable case of COVID-19;

\*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 Medical Officer of Health or Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) staff acting under the direction of the Medical Officer of Health.

#### Do I still need to complete the Ontario Government COVID-19 self-assessment screening tools now that the Section 22 Order is in place?

The Ontario Government COVID-19 [self-assessment](#) screening tools are still required to be completed and you should follow the advice provided in the tools. The Section 22 Class Order provides RCDHU with a tool to enforce [self-isolation](#) when required, and has consequences when self-isolation is not followed.



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#### **Will I be fined if I do not follow the Section 22 Class Order?**

Yes, it is possible to be fined. Failure to comply with the Section 22 Class Order is an offence for which you may be subject to an immediate fine of \$750 that can increase up to \$5,000 for every day, or part of each day on which a person does not adhere to the Section 22 Class Order (i.e. you do not self-isolate when ordered to). RCDHU may apply for a court order to require a person to be taken into custody and be admitted or detained in a hospital for a medical examination.

#### **What is the process for reporting non-compliance with the Section 22 Class Order to RCDHU?**

Anyone can report non-compliance with the Section 22 Class Order by calling the COVID-19 intake line at 613-732-3629 extension 977. RCDHU staff will follow up within 24 hours of receiving the report to verify and take action if it is necessary.