## Provincewide Shutdown and State of Emergency

- On January 12, the Government of Ontario declared a **second** provincial emergency.
- Effective Thursday, January 14, a **stay-at-home order** came into effect. Leave home for **essential** reasons only (e.g. work, medical appointments, groceries, outdoor exercise).



- No indoor social gatherings with members of other households. Individuals who live alone may consider having exclusive close contact with one other household.
- No indoor organized public events.
- Outdoor organized events and outdoor social gatherings are limited to a maximum of **5 people**. Physical distancing **must** be maintained outdoors. Masks/face coverings **must** be worn if you cannot maintain physical distance.
- Grocery stores, pharmacies, convenience stores and other **essential** retailers are open, following certain restrictions and reduced capacities. Shopping malls are closed for inperson retail.
- All **non-essential** retail stores must open no earlier than 7 a.m. and close no later than 8 p.m.
- No indoor or outdoor dining is permitted. Take out, drive-through and delivery options only.
- Enforcement personnel can issue fines to those who do not comply with the gathering limits, the stay-at-home order and/or masking requirements.
  - Kindergarten to Grade 8 students return to in-person learning on January 25.
  - High school students return to in-person learning on **January 25**.
  - Child care centres for non-school aged children will remain open. This includes child care in licensed centres and home-based settings (licensed and unlicensed).

