

Renfrew County and District Health Unit

"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

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RCDHU Continues to Protect Workers and the Public Through Enforcement of the Reopening Ontario Act

Today, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is informing the public that it has issued a Section 22 Order to Olmstead's Home Hardware in Cobden, for not adhering to requirements set out in Regulation 82/20 under the Reopening Ontario Act. After several attempts by RCDHU to rectify non-compliance, Olmstead's Home Hardware must immediately close the business to indoor traffic, allowing curbside pick-up, delivery or online services only.

The Section 22 Order was issued to ensure that community transmission of COVID-19 is minimized or eliminated. "We have come this far, and it us up to all of us to do our part to ensure the safety of our community as a whole," says Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health for the RCDHU. "We take no pleasure in monetary fines, but it is our duty to enforce all public health measures set by the province to ensure the safety of RCD residents," finishes Dr. Cushman.

It is imperative that businesses follow the <u>COVID-19 Workplace Safety</u> guidelines to ensure the safety of their employees, customers and the public, while also reducing the risk of workplace outbreaks.

Remember, stay home if you are sick, avoid contact with people who are ill, practice physical distancing (2 metres), wear a mask/face covering when physical distancing cannot be maintained, wash your hands, use the COVID Alert App, and complete the COVID19 self-assessment tool or COVID-19 school and child care self-assessment tool daily if you go to work, school or daycare, to monitor for symptoms and proper guidance.

For more information, visit RCDHU's website at https://www.rcdhu.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-2/ or call 613-732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097.

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