



Well, that just figures...

No sooner had we published our memo saying that Ont. Reg. 8/21 was the only regulation yet published under the Ontario government's second declaration of emergency (Ont. Reg. 7/21) relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, and then Ont. Regs. 11/21 and 13/21 came along. (There are a few other new regulations too, but, so far, only these two made directly under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.)

Stay-at-home

Ont. Reg. 11/21 sets out the details of the new Stay-at-home order. Here are the highlights: "Stay at home" means *stay at home*. The order is that we stay in our homes except when necessary for the following purposes:

- Work, if the work requires you to be in attendance at the workplace (as determined by the employer)
- Attending school or other training/education
- Attending, obtaining or providing childcare
- To get groceries and "personal care items"
- For curbside purchase and pick-up of goods
- Banking
- Getting or doing things necessary for the safe and sanitary operation of homes, business, means of transportation, "or other places"
- Taking children home
- Taking members of your own household wherever they need (and are allowed) to go
- Travelling between homes of parents, guardians, care-givers for persons under care
- Obtaining necessary health services and medications (for you or your pet)
- Mental health and social services

- Doing pretty much anything necessary for health and safety (of you or your pet)
- Exercising (again, for you or your pet)
- Attending any of the places permitted to be open, by appointment, under the old Stage 1 (check out that regulation here)
- Helping someone else
- Going where the law says you have to
- Exercising a treaty right or otherwise exercising rights as an Aboriginal
- Moving house
- Making arrangements to sell or lease a home
- Travelling to the airport, bus or train station, if leaving the province
- Attending weddings, funerals and worship services, subject to the old Stage 1 restrictions
- If living alone, to gather with one other household.

Staying at home also includes visiting your own backyard or balcony.

Keep Your Home

The goal of Ont. Reg. 13/21 is simple: no evictions. Unless, of course, a judge or the Landlord and Tenant Board says so. This regulation does not prevent such things as notices of arrears, claims about damage or harassment, and agreements for early termination; just new eviction orders.

Other Things

Other orders already in place are put under other legislation but are made in conjunction with the emergency declaration and these orders.

Ont. Reg. 10/21 is the one that requires employers to "ensure" that whoever can work from home, does so, and that those whose don't will follow strict distancing and masking protocols. It also is the regulation that sets out special provisions for schools, construction projects, beer and liquor stores, shopping malls, and, well, rented ice-fishing huts.

Ont. Reg. 9/21 facilitates pharmacists and nurses administering the COVID-19 vaccine.

Need more info? Once again, you can get it from the government of Ontario *here*.