CLASS ORDER
Kingston, Frontenac, and Lennox & Addington Public Health

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
Made pursuant to section 22 (5.01) of the Ontario Health Protection and Promotion Act, 1990

DATE: March 1, 2021
TO: All persons in or present in the City of Kingston, along with businesses that serve alcohol in the City of Kingston:

I, Dr. Kieran Moore, Medical Officer of Health for KFL&A Public Health, therefore, make the following order, which is effective from 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, March 13, 2021 until Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 11:59 pm:

No person shall:

1. Host or attend indoor or outdoor social gatherings with more than five (5) persons.

All businesses that serve alcohol shall:

1. Be closed between 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.
2. Only sell and serve alcohol between 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 10 p.m. No consumption of alcohol is permitted in the business or place between the hours of 11 p.m. and 12:00 p.m. (noon).
3. Ensure all patrons are seated when served. Pick up and take out is exempt.
4. Seat only five (5) persons to a table.
5. Collect contact information for all persons seated.
6. Not allow dancing, singing, or live performances of music. Volume of music must be low enough to allow for normal conversation.
7. Ensure line up management follows the capacity limits, 2 metres physical distancing, and masking regulations.

All must comply with the requirements set out under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020 (the “ROA”) and the applicable regulations, as well as the requirements under this Order. Where this Order imposes an additional requirement not set out in the ROA, the requirement under this order must be followed.

REASONS FOR THE ORDER

1. An outbreak of COVID-19 virus and virus variants, may exist, or may potentially arise as a consequence of this infection or exposure to infection, within the City of Kingston during St. Patrick’s Day celebrations;
2. Such an outbreak within the City of Kingston would present a significant risk to the health of persons and to preserve and protect the capacity of our health care system to respond and provide care for those who need it; and

3. Immediate and mandatory measures, as outlined in this Order, are required to contain further spread of COVID-19 virus and virus variants within and outside of the City of Kingston and to decrease and eliminate any further health risks to those residing in or present in the whole KFL&A community.

I am of the opinion that the delivery of notice to each and every potentially infected or exposed member of the class identified herein is likely to cause a delay that may significantly increase the risk of further infection or exposure to infection to the health of any person within the KFL&A community, so notice shall be provided through the public media, emails, and internet postings on the KFL&A Public Health website: www.kflaph.ca.

NOTICE
You are entitled to a hearing on this matter before the Health Services Appeal and Review Board and may apply for such a hearing upon request to me and to the Health Services Appeal and Review Board, at:

151 Bloor Street West, 9th Floor
Toronto, ON M5S 1S4

This Order takes effect immediately upon delivery and shall continue in effect until either rescinded by the Medical Officer of Health or a decision of the Health Services Appeal and Review Board rescinds or amends the Order.

Failure to comply with this Order is an offence for which you may be liable, on conviction, to a fine of not more than $5,000.00 for persons and $25,000.00 for corporations every day or part of day on which the offence occurs or continues.

SUMMARY
1. COVID-19 is a disease caused by coronavirus discovered in 2019. The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic due to its rapid spread to 212 countries of the world as at the date of this Order.

2. Ongoing studies conducted by research institutions throughout the world concur that the risk of serious disease and death are higher in the elderly population and among people experiencing certain co-morbidities.

3. Due to its highly contagious nature, the virus can spread rapidly among people living, working, or existing in close contact with each other.

4. The virus primarily spreads through contact with respiratory droplets from another person but can also spread through touching surfaces or objects that have the virus on them.
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