

January 4, 2022

## **Re: Ontario Temporarily Moving to Modified Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen**

In response to an increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations, the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, is temporarily moving the province into a modified Step Two of its Roadmap to Reopen effective Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. for at least 21 days (until January 26, 2022), subject to trends in public health and health system indicators.

These measures include:

- Reducing social gathering limits to 5 people indoors and 10 people outdoors, and limiting capacity at organized public events to 5 people indoors.
- Retail settings permitted at 50 per cent capacity, and personal care services permitted at 50 per cent capacity and other restrictions.
- Closing indoor dining at restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments, however outdoor dining with restrictions, takeout, drive through and delivery is permitted.
- Closing indoor sport and recreational fitness facilities including gyms (with exceptions). Outdoor facilities are permitted to operate but with the number of spectators not to exceed 50 per cent occupancy and other requirements.
- All publicly funded and private schools will move to remote learning starting January 5 until at least January 17, subject to public health trends and operational considerations.

To comply with these regulations the Township of Malahide meeting and event spaces will be closed. This includes rental/use of spaces within the South Dorchester Community Hall in Lyons, and the Malahide Community Place in Springfield. Township playgrounds and other outdoor park areas will remain open.

As Ontario enters the third calendar year of this pandemic, the Township of Malahide continues to thank all of the efforts of healthcare workers, residents, and those working on the front line.

Malahide encourages all residents to follow public health direction (visit [www.swpublichealth.ca](http://www.swpublichealth.ca) for more information) and urges residents to practice social distancing and proper hygiene protocols outlined by the Provincial Medical Officer of Health [www.publichealthontario.ca](http://www.publichealthontario.ca).