



CLASS ORDER

of the Medical Officer of Health for the Grey Bruce Health Unit

made pursuant to s. 22 of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. H. 7 as amended.

Date: May 28, 2020

TO:

ALL MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE AREA OF THE GREY BRUCE HEALTH UNIT (being “persons” within the class affected by this Order and whose names appear on Schedule “A” attached to this Order):

I, Dr. Ian Arra, the Medical Officer of Health for the Grey Bruce Health Unit, order that in respect of any real property you control, occupy or are in charge of that is or contains a beach or shore ordinarily accessible to the public and which includes any point of entry thereto (each being a “Premises”) and which is subject to my previous Order dated 14 May 2020:

(a) that my previous Order dated 14 May 2020 be and is hereby rescinded by this Order.

THIS ORDER shall come into force on the 28thth day of May, 2020 at 12:00 noon Eastern Daylight Time.

THE REASONS for this ORDER are that:

- i. COVID-19 is a disease of public health significance and has been designated as communicable under Ontario Regulation 135/18 as amended.
- ii. COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization.
- iii. The Province of Ontario and each municipality to which this order is directed have declared an emergency under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* as a result of the pandemic.
- iv. The COVID-19 virus is spread from an infected person to a close contact by direct contact or when respiratory secretions from the infected person enter the eyes, nose or mouth of another person;

- v. The closing of beaches to the public by the municipalities affected by my Order dated 14 May 2020 has, to the present time, contributed to reducing the spread of COVID-19; and
- vi. The May 14 Order was devised to mitigate the risk until each municipality passes its own by-law, if needed.

As the Medical Officer of Health for the Grey Bruce, I am of the opinion, on reasonable and probable grounds that:

- I. the communicable disease caused by a novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 did and may now exist and persist in the health unit served by the Medical Officer of Health during the currency of the Order dated 14 May 2020;
- II. COVID-19 presents a clear risk to the health of persons in the health unit served by me; and
- III. The requirements specified in the Order of 14 May 2020 closing beaches were necessary in order to help decrease or eliminate the risk to health presented by COVID-19 in the health unit by reducing community transmission and spread; and,
- IV. The risk of transmission and community spread remains. To address this risk each municipality can maintain its beach closure based on local need.

NOTICE:

TAKE NOTICE THAT each member of the class is entitled to a hearing by the Health Services Appeal and Review Board if the member has delivered to the Medical Officer of Health and to the Health Services Appeal and Review Board (151 Bloor Street West, 9th Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1S4, E-mail: (hsarb@ontario.ca) a notice in writing, requesting a hearing within 15 days after the effective date and time of this Order or otherwise in accordance with applicable law.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT although a hearing may be requested this Order takes effect when it is delivered to a member of the class or brought to the attention of a member of the class.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS Order is an offence for which you may be liable, on conviction, to a fine of not more than \$25,000.00 for every day or part of each day on which the offence occurs or continues.

SIGNED THIS 28th DAY OF MAY, 2020 AT OWEN SOUND, ONTARIO.



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This Order shall be posted on the Grey Bruce Health Unit website: www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca

ANY INQUIRY respecting this Order may be directed to the Medical Officer of Health at the address hereon.

SCHEDULE A TO CLASS ORDER

of the Medical Officer of Health for the Grey Bruce Health Unit

dated 27 May 2020.

1. County of Grey
2. City of Owen Sound
3. Municipality of Grey Highlands
4. Municipality of Meaford
5. Municipality of West Grey
6. Town of Hanover
7. Town of The Blue Mountains
8. Township of Chatsworth
9. Township of Georgian Bluffs
10. Township of Southgate
11. County of Bruce
12. Town of Saugeen Shores
13. Municipality of Kincardine
14. Municipality of Brockton
15. Town of South Bruce Peninsula
16. Municipality of Arran–Elderslie
17. Township of Huron-Kinloss
18. Municipality of South Bruce
19. Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula