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COVID-19 COMMUNITY NOTICE

On July 21, 2020, the Ontario government passed Bill 195, now known as the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020, S.O. 2020* ("The Act"). The Act came into force on July 24, 2020 to ensure important measures remained in place after the provincial declared emergency came to an end. The current Orders are in place until December 21st, 2020, at which time, the Orders can be extended for another 30 days. The Act provides that the emergency orders made under section 7.0.2 or 7.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* continue to be valid and effective orders under this Act.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

The District of Algoma is currently in the **Green Zone of Stage 3** through *Ontario Regulation 363/20* (Stages of Re-opening) made under this Act.

Furthermore, through *Ontario Regulation 364/20* (Rules for Areas in Stage 3), the Province of Ontario implemented Regulations on the **mandatory wearing of a mask or face covering in all public indoor settings**. Therefore:

- A person responsible for a business that is open in the Algoma District shall ensure that any person in the indoor area of the business, or in a vehicle that is operating as part of the business, **wears a mask or face covering that covers their mouth, nose and chin**. NOTE: There is a list of 12 exemptions to this order.

Additionally, *Ontario Regulation 364/20* designates specific orders for gathering limits for meetings, social gatherings, public gathering, weddings, funerals and religious ceremonies.

Non-compliance of any of these Regulations could result in a fine for the individual and/or business.

If you have any questions or require further information regarding this Act or Regulations, Please contact the Pandemic Response Coordinator, Tanya Boissoneau at pandemicresponse@gardenriver.org or by phone at 705-971-7833.

A complete version of *The Reopening Ontario Act, 2020, S.O. 2020, c. 17* and *Regulations* can be found at:

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/20r17#BK8>



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