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March 31, 2020 update – Provincial updates

Ontario extends emergency declaration

In an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19 and keep people home, the Government of Ontario has extended the Declaration of Emergency and associated emergency measures, including the closure of non-essential workplaces and restrictions on social gatherings. In addition, Ontario is issuing a new emergency order under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* to close all outdoor recreational amenities, such as sports fields and playgrounds, effective immediately. These actions are based on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health. Read the full release [here](#).

Schools to remain closed

Today, the Ontario government announced schools and child care centres will remain closed to protect the health and safety of students and staff. This extension is being made on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Public schools will remain closed to students until Monday, May 4, 2020. As the date comes closer, this decision will be re-evaluated based on public health advice. Read the full release [here](#).

To increase accessibility, COVID-19 email communications will be posted on the [COVID-19 update page](#) on the ODHA website.