



Provincial Update, May 20, 2020.

The government of Ontario [announced](#) that all emergency orders have been extended until May 29, 2020. This emergency order extension includes the closure of bars and restaurants except for takeout and delivery only, as well as restrictions of social gatherings of more than five people.

The Ontario government [announced](#) that elementary and secondary schools will remain closed for the remainder of this school year, with at-home learning to continue. The emergency child care support will continue to operate and provide support for health care and other frontline workers. A gradual reopening of child care is expected to begin when the province is ready to transition to Stage 2 based on public health criteria; the gradual reopening of summer day camps is subject to the continuing progress in trends of key public health indicators.

The Ontario government is [working with Medical Innovation Xchange \(MIX\)](#), Canada's first industry-led hub for med-tech start-ups, to provide non-medical manufacturing companies free support as they retool to provide essential supplies and equipment to health care facilities during COVID-19. Non-medical manufacturing companies that have received funding through the Ontario Together Fund, or a Purchase Order with the Province of Ontario, can access MIX members' medical advisory services, including assistance navigating regulatory hurdles and increasing efficiencies. By taking advantage of these opportunities, companies can accelerate the delivery of much needed medical supplies and products to the front lines.

Today, Stage 1 of [Ontario's Framework for Reopening our Province](#) began. Please see the [Detailed List of Stage 1 Openings](#) for more information on businesses that can reopen. The government and health and safety associations have released more than [90 safety guidance documents](#) to assist employers in multiple sectors, including construction, retail, facilities maintenance and manufacturing. The Ministry of Health has also released a [Guidance Document for Essential Workplaces](#).

The Ontario government has launched a website, the [Workplace PPE Supplier Directory](#), to provide businesses with a list of Ontario companies and business associations that are ready to supply PPE to businesses.

For questions about what businesses will be open or impacts to your business or employment, call the Stop the Spread Business Information Line at 1-888-444-3659.