

# Ontario



Tuesday, July 7, 2020

The Premier announced today that legislation, called *The Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act 2020*, has been introduced. If passed, this legislation will allow the government to extend or amend some emergency orders a month at a time, with the law expiring a year after it's passed unless extended by the Ontario legislature. More information about this proposed legislation, including the orders that it will include, can be found here.

Over the past couple of days, the Government of Ontario has announced the following:

- Yesterday, the Premier announced that the final two regions in Ontario – Leamington and Kingsville – will be moving into stage 2 as of 12:01am today.
- On Fri July 3rd, the Premier announced funding to provide free online health and safety training. Job seekers, who can take this free training through Employment Ontario, will be able to access 10 courses including infection control, conducting health and safety incident investigations, ladder safety, slips, trips and falls prevention, and preventing workplace violence and harassment. Job seekers should contact an Employment Ontario service provider in their area to enroll. In addition, worker and employer members of Joint Health and Safety Committees can now use video conferencing to take training in real-time with qualified instructors from training providers approved by Ontario's Chief Prevention Officer.
- On Fri July 3rd, the Ontario government announced that they are issuing a new emergency order and amending another order un the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act which will allow municipalities to quickly pass temporary bylaws for the creation and extension of patios and allow covered outdoor dining areas for restaurants