



**April 17, 2021**

**MEMORANDUM TO: Municipal Chief Administrative Officers and Clerks**

**Cc: Heads of Council**

**SUBJECT: Enhanced Enforcement and New Order under the  
*Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*  
(EMCPA)**

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As you heard yesterday from the Premier, the Ontario government is taking targeted action to stop the rapid growth in COVID-19 case rates and relieve mounting pressure on the province's health care system.

I am writing today to make sure that you stay informed about the changes to the Stay-at-Home order, new enforcement authority for police and other provincial offences officers, including municipal bylaw officers, and the implementation of additional public health and workplace safety measures. Taken together, these actions are needed to help control the spread of the virus.

Both the provincial declaration of emergency and the Stay-at-Home order (O.Reg 265/21) have been extended for an additional two weeks. The Stay-at-Home order currently in effect requires everyone to remain at home except for specified purposes, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services (including getting vaccinated), for outdoor exercise, or for work that cannot be done remotely.

To increase public compliance with the Stay-at-Home order and stop the spread of COVID-19, amendments to an emergency order (O.Reg 8/21 Enforcement of COVID-19 Measures) have been made that provide police officers and other provincial offences officers, including municipal bylaw officers, with enhanced authority to provide an additional tool to support enforcement of O. Reg. 82/20 with respect to prohibited social gatherings, as follows:

Effective immediately new authorities will allow a police officer or other provincial offences officer, including a municipal bylaw officer, to require, in certain circumstances and with limitations, information from an individual for the purpose of determining whether they are in compliance with the prohibitions on certain gatherings set out in Schedule 4 of O.Reg. 82/20.

Additionally, effective Monday, April 19, 2021 at 12:01 a.m., the government is restricting travel into Ontario from the provinces of Manitoba and Quebec, subject to some specific exceptions.

The government has also updated a number of public health and workplace safety measures. Some of these measures are effective April 17, 2021 at 12:01 a.m., while others take effect Monday, April 19, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. I know you have been working closely with your Public Health Units and I encourage you to continue that collaboration as we work to control the spread and distribute vaccines.

Additional details on these matters are available in the attached memorandum from the Ministry of Solicitor General to Chiefs of Police dated April 17, 2021.

A French language version of this memorandum will follow shortly.

Thank you, once again, for your partnership and continued efforts to keep our communities safe and healthy in these unprecedented times.

Yours truly,

Kate Manson-Smith  
Deputy Minister

Enclosure: Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General to all Chiefs of Police dated April 17, 2021 – Enhanced Enforcement and New Order under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA)