

Appendix IV

Review of the Region's Pandemic Experience

Month	Key Events
<i>January</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health Emergency Operations Centre activated • First reported cases in Ontario • Ontario Health reporting measures implemented • Enhanced measures implemented by PHAC • World Health Organization declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 constitutes a Public Health Emergency of International Concern
<i>February</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Order: quarantine for 14 days if arriving on a flight from China • Federal Order: quarantine for 14 days if arriving on a flight from any country experiencing an outbreak of COVID 19 • Canadians repatriated from cruise ship to CFB Trenton for 14 days quarantine • Additional repatriations from mainland China to CFB Trenton for quarantine • Daily case counts increase but remain in low single digits • Cases from Egypt and Iran begin to appear in Ontario
<i>March</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several Provincially led response tables established • Daily case counts continue to increase • Screening sites identified and become operational • Public funded schools ordered closed • Directives for health care providers and health care entities issued • Initial gathering limits implemented (under 250 individuals) • Recommendation to close day care and March Break programs • Hospitals requested to implement pandemic plans • Premier Ford requests employers support virtual work arrangements • First death of an Ontario resident • Provincial Declaration of an Emergency made <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ontario Regulation limiting gathering to under 50 individuals issued • Closures of public facilities and other venues and services • Regional and Municipal Declarations of an Emergency made in Peel • Municipal Emergency Act enables electronic Council meetings • Peel Homeless Isolation Shelter becomes operational • Ontario Regulation for the redeployment of healthcare workers implemented • Frontline workers childcare locations announced • Closure of non-essential businesses • All international travelers must self-isolate for 14 days • First reported death of a resident of the Region of Peel from COVID-19 • Provincial collection of PPE inventories begins • Gathering limits reduced to 5 individuals • Schools to remain closed until May 1st

Appendix IV

Review of the Region's Pandemic Experience

Month	Key Events
<i>April</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class order issued to enforce self-isolation • Provincial modelling released • Further closure of businesses announced • Frontline worker childcare locations open in Peel • Active screening begins at Regional facilities • Regulation enabling first responder access to COVID-19 positive addresses comes into effect • Trillium Health Partners announces Temporary COVID Response Unit • Provincial expansion of testing locations and access • Provincial emergency orders extended • Federal Quarantine Act amended to allow for local enforcement • Provincial Declaration of an Emergency extended • Everyone entering Canada must quarantine for 14 days regardless of symptoms • Long-Term Care workers may only work at a single location by way of Provincial Order • List of essential workers expanded for emergency childcare access • Borders closed to foreign nationals • Federal resources offered to Ontario's long-term care homes including military assets • Canadian Forces, "Operation Laser" commences to provide COVID support in Canada • School closures extended until end of May • Premier Ford announces a Framework for Reopening the Province • Includes Stage I, Stage II and Stage III community definitions and guidelines • Further expansion of list of eligible workers for the Emergency Child Care programs • Recovery planning commences
<i>May</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited businesses are permitted to reopening with conditions • Emergency Orders extended • Retail locations with street access permitted to open with curbside measures in place • Ontario Order enabling external management of long-term care location whose management is challenged with implementing containment measures • Additional seasonal services permitted to open for the long weekend • Independent Provincial commission announced to look at Ontario's long-term care system • Schools closed for the remainder of the school year • Hospitals appointed to manage select long term care locations

Appendix IV

Review of the Region's Pandemic Experience

Month	Key Events
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Forces issue report following their deployment to select long term care locations • Province announces Ontario Regulation related to Pandemic Pay for eligible employees • Both the REOC and Regional Declaration of an Emergency pass the 60-day mark
<i>June</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency orders extended • Increases in the limits to social gatherings relaxed to 10 individuals • Limited business permitted to re-open in Stage II communities • Planned reopening of childcare services announced • Regional Isolation and Recovery sites are consolidated to a single location • Gradual resumption of visits to long term care, retirement and other residential care locations announced • Promotion of “social circles” begins with initial circles of no more than 10 individuals recommended • 24 public health regions enter Stage II status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three public health regions, including Peel remain at Stage I • Late June, Peel enters into Stage II status • Frontline worker childcare locations conclude operations
<i>July</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation Laser winds down with remaining Canadian Forces personnel • Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act 2020 announced and readings begin • Emergency Orders extended to align with the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act • High risk activities are not permitted to resume • Gathering limits for Stage III locations further relaxed • Peel and two other locations remain as Stage II locations • Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act is enacted • Ontario’s Declaration of an Emergency is terminated • Peel and two other regions approved to enter Stage III • Both the REOC and Regional Declaration of an Emergency pass the 120-day mark
<i>August</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gathering limits for indoor physical recreation facilities further relaxed • Emergency pandemic orders are extended until mid to late September • Provincial guidelines for the safe reopening of school are issued • Municipal mask bylaws issued • REOC begins planning for the transition of resources in anticipation of a second wave of COVID consequences in the fall • Demobilization and Recovery planning continues with intent to reopen some

Appendix IV

Review of the Region's Pandemic Experience

Month	Key Events
	regional services to the public on September 23 rd , 2020
<i>September</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabletop exercises with school boards and Peel Public Health unit take place • Provincial fall plan for COVID-19 Keeping Ontarians Safe: Preparing for Future Waves of COVID-19 is issued • Access Peel and Service Peel locations reopen • Additional testing and assessment sites briefly established in Peel • Provincial changes to testing and assessment criteria are implemented • Pharmacies begin providing access to testing for the public • Provincial reductions in gathering sizes are announced • Peel Public Health updates the COVID-19 dashboard to show school outbreaks • School boards provide daily dashboards of COVID-19 cases within each school, including those not deemed to be in outbreaks • Transition of REOC staff is completed • Daily screening for employees entering Regional workplaces commences • Both the REOC and Regional Declaration of an Emergency pass the 180-day mark • Recommendations for the reduction of family bubbles being to be announced
<i>October</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial requirement for mask to be worn in all indoor places, transit, office and workplace environments • Provincial recommendation to further reduce family bubbles to individual household member and their essential supports • Self-isolation period reduced from 14 days to 10 days • Peel, Toronto and Ottawa enter Modified Stage II status with reductions in gathering sizes for many sectors and settings along with other measures for a period of 28 days • Families recommended to reduce Thanksgiving dinners and gatherings to 10 people or less • Small numbers of COVID+ cases reported in school cohorts resulting in 10 days isolation for each cohort • York Region added to the Modified Stage II status for 28 days • Provincial Medical Officer of Health recommends against Halloween activities such as trick or treating in Modified Stage II communities. • Closure of the Canadian – US border to non-essential travelers extended until mid to late October • Canada extends ban on foreign travellers from entering the country until the end of October. • Canadians encouraged to use the COVID Alert App