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AMO Policy Update – New Stronger Public Health Measures

The Ontario government, in consultation with provincial and local public health, is moving seven public health regions to new levels with stronger public health measures, including Windsor-Essex County Health Unit and York Region Public Health moving into Grey-Lockdown. The regional levels and specific public health measures are in the [Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework](#).

Based on the latest data, the following public health regions will move from their current levels in the framework to the following levels **effective Monday, December 14, 2020 at 12:01 a.m.:**

- Grey-Lockdown
 - Windsor-Essex County Health Unit; and
 - York Region Public Health
- Red-Control
 - Middlesex-London Health Unit;
 - Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit; and
 - Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health
- Orange-Restrict
 - Eastern Ontario Health Unit
- Yellow-Protect
 - Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit.

All other public health regions will remain at their current levels. Please see [COVID-19 Regional Public Health Measures and Restrictions](#) for the full regional list.

For long-term care homes, [visitor restrictions](#) apply to those homes in the public health unit regions that are in the Orange-Restrict level or higher. In addition, long-term care homes must implement recently [enhanced testing requirements](#).

Trends in public health data continue to be reviewed weekly to determine if public health units should stay where they are or be moved into different levels. Public health units will stay in their levels for a minimum of 28 days, or two COVID-19 incubation periods, at which time, the government will assess the impact of public health measures to determine if the public health unit should stay where it is or be moved to a different level. The government and the Chief Medical Officer of Health will continue

to consult regularly with local medical officers of health on local context and conditions to help inform the classification of their public health unit regions.

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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