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To All Businesses in Hastings and Prince Edward Counties:

**Province and Hastings Prince Edward Public Health (HPEPH) Supporting COVID-19 Safety for Workers and Businesses**

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The COVID-19 pandemic is an unprecedented and challenging time for Ontario’s workers and businesses.

The majority of businesses are operating in safe and responsible ways to protect their workers and customers. However, there are still some businesses that need further assistance or clarification to understand the requirements to keep everyone safe.

That is why HPEPH is working with the province to support community safety campaigns to educate businesses and workers on public health measures required under the *Reopening Ontario Act*. These campaigns are being enforced by local public health units, police and by-law departments, and support Ontario’s COVID-19 Response Framework: *Enhancing Public Health and Workplace Safety Measures in the Provincewide Shutdown*.

**Next week, Provincial officers and inspectors will be visiting businesses in the retail sector in our region to ensure operations are compliant with current public health regulations.** Officers and inspectors will also continue to do the great work they have been doing to support public health measures in the community to help contain the spread of COVID-19.

Guidance and resources to help businesses operate more safely during COVID-19 are available at [Ontario.ca/covidsafety](http://Ontario.ca/covidsafety) and the [Ontario.ca COVID-19 response framework page](http://Ontario.ca/COVID-19%20response%20framework%20page).

In addition, businesses can access the following resources to help raise awareness of COVID safety in the workplace:

- [COVID-19 worker and employee screening](#)
- [Developing a COVID-19 workplace safety plan](#).
- [Resources to prevent COVID-19 in the workplace](#)
- [Guidance for employers during breaks](#)
- [Break poster](#)
- [Lunch poster](#)
- [Keep it to yourself poster](#)
- [Workplace Personal Protective Equipment Supplier Directory](#)

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If you have any questions about current regulations, please [complete our online form](#) or contact 1-800-267-2803 ext. 677.

We look forward to continuing to work together to keep our community safe.



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