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Please see below for an important update regarding COVID-19 from Mayor Letham:

COVID-19 Update: December 4, 2020. A message from the ...



"Good afternoon everyone,

You may have heard that through the [recent provincial announcement](https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/59489/ontario-moving-three-regions-to-new-levels-in-covid-19-response-framework) (<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/59489/ontario-moving-three-regions-to-new-levels-in-covid-19-response-framework>), Kawartha Lakes is moving from the green prevent level into the yellow protect level under the COVID-19 framework effective Monday, December 7.

I want to tell you why and what that means for local residents and businesses. Surrounding areas are now seeing their cases rise, including locations within our own health unit district. In order to further protect our communities, the province is moving us up a level. This new level is mostly increased education and awareness, with a few extra restrictions. Such as

- In sports, fitness and recreational facilities, the capacity limits have gone from 50 people to 10 for those participating in classes indoors.
- Within fitness facilities, there must now be a three metre spacing between those using exercise equipment and or participating in a class.
- For restaurant and bar establishments, there is now a limit of 6 people that may be seated together at one time.
- Alcohol can only be served until 11pm and the establishments must be closed at midnight.

If you have further questions, full details outlining the COVID-19 Framework can be found online.

I want to stress that we have done a good job keeping our community safe here in Kawartha Lakes and our current low numbers reflect that. We do not want to jeopardize the progress we've made – it's important that we continue to focus on things we can control and not worry over what others are doing. We need to continue to follow the protocols, you know what they are, you don't need me to tell you again, and please stay safe. We will continue to keep you updated as we move into the holiday season.

Thank you."

For more information on the COVID-19 Framework, please visit the [Government of Ontario's website](https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-response-framework-keeping-ontario-safe-and-open). (https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-response-framework-keeping-ontario-safe-and-open)

For questions or concerns regarding COVID-19, please visit the [Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit's website](https://www.hkpr.on.ca/) (https://www.hkpr.on.ca/).

For inquiries related to municipal services and resources, please visit our [dedicated Covid-19 webpage](/en/living-here/covid-19-information.aspx) (/en/living-here/covid-19-information.aspx).

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