## 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

## To Ontario's Essential Workers, Thank You

## To everyone else, thank you for staying apart and protecting others.

On behalf of everyone in the province, the Ontario government would like to thank the heroes who go to work each day to keep our essential services and businesses available during the COVID-19 outbreak.

From the doctors, nurses, paramedics, personal support workers and pharmacists who are caring and providing for our sick; to the police and firefighters who are keeping us safe; to the farmers, food processors, truck drivers and grocery store staff who are keeping food on our tables — thank you!

To those who are keeping our lights on, keeping our water safe, keeping our hospitals, stores and facilities clean, and to those keeping our buses and trains operating — thank you!

## You make us proud.

Our essential workers show the Ontario spirit with their courage, compassion, and generosity. You step up every day to ensure individuals, families and seniors have what they need to stay safe and healthy. And to everyone else, thank you for doing your part to protect others. For weeks now, you have stayed home and avoided going out with family, friends and co-workers.

This self-discipline is paying off and people are starting to go back to work.

But until an effective treatment or vaccine is widely available, COVID-19 still poses a threat.

As businesses reopen remember to follow the rules and practice physical distancing, wash your hands thoroughly and often, wear a face covering if physical distancing is a challenge, and stay home if unwell.

By continuing to take these simple actions you are truly making a difference.

Your Ontario government thanks everyone for doing the right thing.

Whether inside or out, stay apart, stay safe and save lives.



