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Halton Hills Furniture and Appliance owner Ron Kuiken and his son Daine greet customers with masks, and at a distance.

# 'SHOPPING LOCAL HAS NEVER BEEN STRONGER'

## BUSINESSES HOPE TO CAPITALIZE ON PEOPLE STAYING CLOSER TO HOME

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Ron Kuiken would like to talk more about the importance of

shopping locally, but he's got a delivery to make.

Since opening in 1972, Halton Hills Furniture and Appliances has built a strong loyal following. But like many businesses in smaller communities, they've always had to compete for shoppers' dollars with larger operations. For years, Chambers of Commerce and BIAs have promoted the benefits of shopping locally. But in Halton Hills, where 68 per cent of employed residents work in other municipalities,

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