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NEWS

WEEKLY ROUNDUP: HALTON HEADING INTO LOCKDOWN

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Halton is heading into a COVID-19 lockdown, the most stringent measures by the province to curb the spread of the virus.

Ontario Premier Doug Ford made the announcement on Dec. 21, declaring that a province-wide shutdown, which starts on Dec. 26, was a difficult but necessary decision to save lives and prevent hospitals across Ontario from being overwhelmed.

"Thousands of lives are at stake right now. If we fail to take action now, the consequences could be catastrophic," he said.

The province-wide shutdown is a one-time measure in response to the exceptional circumstances, he said, while asking all Ontarians to stay at home and only leave when absolutely nec-



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Here's a look at the past week's COVID-19 cases and news.

essary, such as for work, getting groceries and prescriptions, or for medical appointments.

Under a lockdown, grocery stores and pharmacies remain open at a reduced capacity. All other retailers are open for curbside pickup and delivery only. Other

lockdown restrictions include banning indoor gatherings except with household members and capping outdoor gatherings to 10 people. Religious, wedding and funeral services are also capped at 10 people for both indoors and outdoors.

Initially, Halton Region

had been placed in a red control zone since Nov. 16. The lockdown is effective for 28 days in southern Ontario and 14 days in northern Ontario.

Ford said that the province will continue to monitor the data and make adjustments if necessary.

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