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# No Halton residents under quarantine for SARS

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*The Champion*

The threat of severe acute respiratory syndrome is on the decline in Halton.

Halton's Medical Officer of Health Dr. Bob Nosal said there are now no Halton residents under voluntary quarantine. That's the first time the Region can say

that since the end of March, when the first group of Halton residents were quarantined.

It should help spell some much-needed relief for the public health department, which has been working overtime analyzing, documenting and monitoring the condition of residents who feared they might have SARS.

Quarantine has been used as a precautionary measure for people who may have been exposed to SARS symptoms by a potentially-infected person. Or, those quarantined had been at a hospital where the pneumonia-like illness — which can be deadly — was prevalent.

Because the SARS situation is improving, the Region has seen a drop in the number of SARS-related phone calls.

That means its SARS hotline is now operating during normal business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Up until Monday, the hotline was in effect during evening hours and on the weekends.

A total of 1,300 calls have been made since it was set up.

Anyone who thinks they're showing SARS symptoms are asked to call Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000.

In Halton, a total of about 150 people have been quarantined and cleared from potentially having SARS.

That number includes two suspect cases the Region's health department had been monitoring.

A female Burlington resident — a Mount Sinai nurse — remains in a Toronto hospital as a probable case of SARS.

Fear and anger among the public boiled over after it was discovered she rode GO trains earlier this month while showing some SARS symptoms.

Reassuring news is there have been no suspect or probable cases reported among passengers who rode on the same train as the nurse, Dr. Nosal said.

So far SARS has been implicated in the deaths of 21 people, all of them from the Toronto area.

But Ontario's top public health officials are feeling hopeful that the SARS outbreak is on the slide as the number of cases continue to drop daily.

Two full incubation periods, or 20 days, have passed since the last reported case of community-spread SARS.

Much to the relief of Toronto politicians and businesses, the World Health Organization (WHO) — lifted its travel advisory on people travelling to the Big Smoke. The WHO believes SARS transmissions have stopped completely in Canada.

Halton Healthcare Services, which includes Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial and Milton District hospitals, have, with approval from the Ministry of Health, already relaxed some of their stringent protocols, including allowing some visitors at certain times of the day.

Members of the public are encouraged to call the Halton Healthcare Services hotline at (905) 815-5123 or log on to its Web site at [www.haltonhealthcare.com](http://www.haltonhealthcare.com) for additional information.

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### Sheridan @ Milton

Sheridan Institute of Technology & Advance Learning and the Town of Milton invite employers and residents to help determine the extent of adult interest in a proposed Sheridan Continuing Education Centre in Milton.

Please complete the comprehensive survey on line at [www.town.milton.on.ca](http://www.town.milton.on.ca) Alternatively, complete the abbreviated survey below and mail to the Town of Milton, Economic Development Office, 43 Brown Street, Milton, Ontario L9T 5H2 or fax to 905-878-6995. We thank you for your participation.

Thank you very much for taking part in this survey. Your information will remain confidential and will aid significantly in the decision-making process.

Please provide us with some background information to help us with our survey.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2. I am: Male  Female

3. I am: Under 20  20-24  25-29

30-34  35-44  45-54  Over 55

4. I am:

- Employed Full Time
- Employed Part Time
- Unemployed
- Homemaker
- Retired
- Other

5. My current occupation is:

6. The highest level of education I completed is:

- Less than grade 12
- Grade 12 or equivalent
- Grade 13/OAC
- College Certificate
- College Diploma
- Undergraduate Degree
- Graduate Degree

7. Do you plan to enrol in any continuing education courses or programs within the next year?

Yes  Likely  Unlikely  No

8. What is your main reason for pursuing education studies?

- Pursuing a hobby or interest
- Looking for employment
- Advancing in my current career
- Seeking a job or career change
- Earning a college certificate or diploma
- Earning a university degree
- Earning a professional designation
- Other

9. If continuing education courses or programs relevant to your interests were offered at a location in Milton, would you be more likely to enrol?

Yes  Likely  Unlikely  No

10. Please indicate your level of interest in attending courses in Milton in the following disciplines.

	Moderate Interest	Strong Interest	No Interest
Arts & Design	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Finance & Accounting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business Administration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Human Resources Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Management Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Computing & IT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Engineering & Technology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Manufacturing & Processing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sales & Marketing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Justice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality Assurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skilled Trades	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Early Childhood Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interior Design	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Sciences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leisure & Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Languages	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. Please list specific course topics that you would find most useful or appealing:

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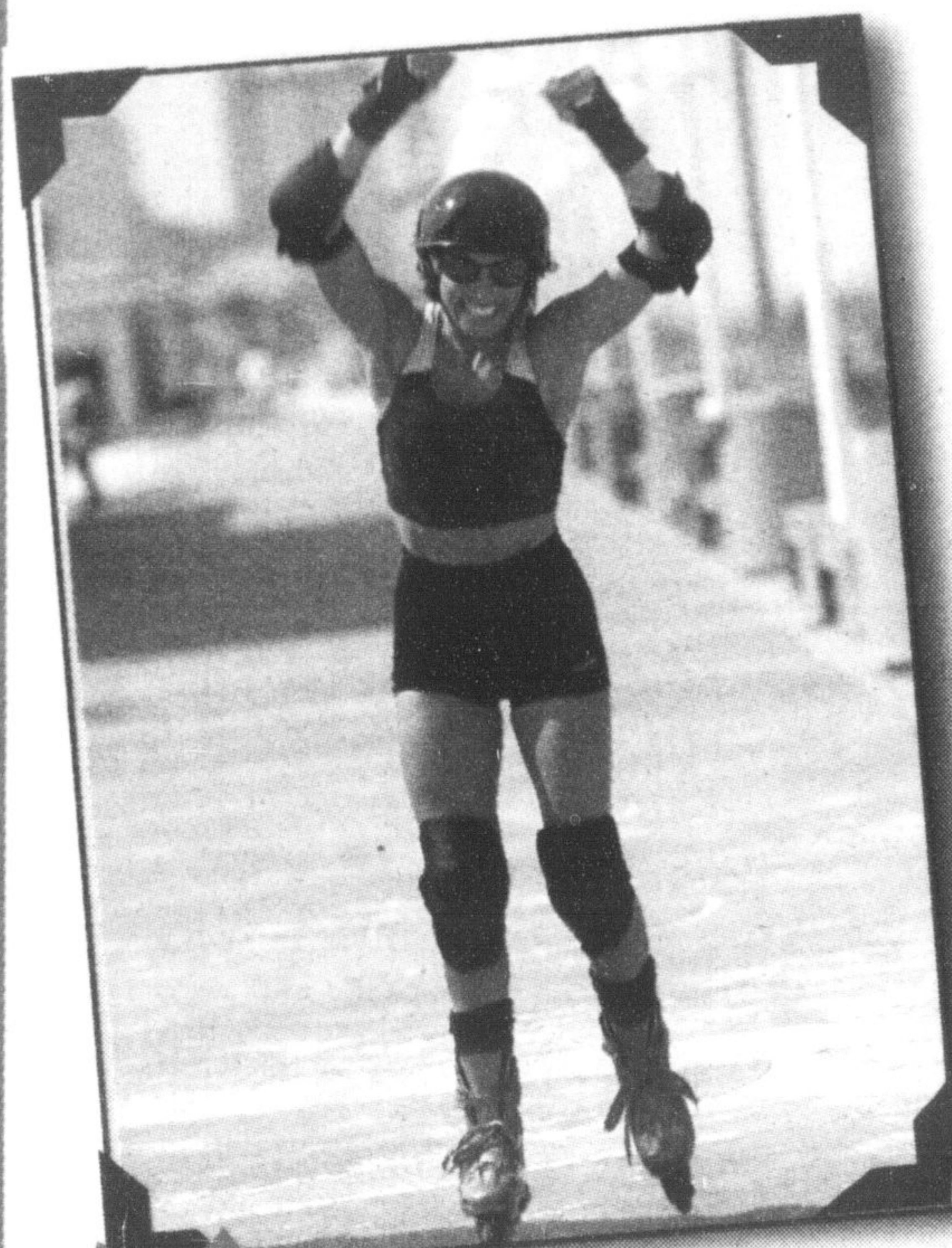
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12. May we contact you for additional information?

Yes  No

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