



**Public Health**  
**Santé publique**  
SUDBURY & DISTRICTS

March 27, 2020

VIA EMAIL

To Employers in Sudbury and Districts:

Public Health Sudbury and Districts is working diligently with all levels of government and community partners to limit the impact of COVID-19 in our communities. The primary focus to this end is supporting the implementation of measures to prevent spread from person to person. Protecting the health of your workforce and capacity of the health system are two related priorities for which we are seeking your cooperation.

Despite increased communications and recommendations to limit proximity of workers, we have been informed of a number of complaints that this may not be happening to its full potential in all workplaces.

Public health units across northern Ontario have been discussing ways to support large employers and all are moving in a similar direction. Many large employers are moving toward remote or virtual work as the default where possible. Other employers such as mines have already moved to maintenance-only mode as a measure to protect the health of their employees while maintaining integrity of their business operations.

We urge you to do all you can to implement effective measures to maintain social (physical) distancing for all employees such as remote or virtual work, staggering work shift, or, where appropriate, considering moving to maintenance level operations. Without proper social (physical) distancing, a single case of COVID-19 at one of our larger employers could result in a large number of secondary infections.

Public Health Sudbury and Districts has numerous recommendations for social (physical) distancing on our [website](#) which can be adapted for the workplace. A Public Health Inspector may follow up with you in the coming days to learn

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more about the measures you are taking to protect employee health and prevent the spread of COVID-19. In addition, please contact Burgess Hawkins at [hawkinsb@phsd.ca](mailto:hawkinsb@phsd.ca) or 705-522-9200 ext. 218 to discuss issues and potential options.

Thank you for your commitment to our communities' wellbeing.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

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