



**LETTER RESCINDING CLASS ORDER**  
**made pursuant to Section 22(5.0.1) of the**  
***Health Protection and Promotion Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.7***

Date: March 10, 2022

Effective: Immediately

**To: All persons residing or present in the area served by Sudbury & District Health Unit<sup>i</sup>, operating as Public Health Sudbury & Districts (PHSD) who:**

- a) Have tested positive on a COVID-19 test (PCR, rapid molecular or rapid antigen);
- b) Have symptoms of COVID-19 (even mild symptoms);
- c) Are a household member or other close contact of a person identified in a) or b) even if they do not themselves have any symptoms of COVID-19;
- d) Have been advised to self-isolate by PHSD, including in circumstances other than those in a), b), or c) above; or
- e) Are a parent, or person with responsibilities of a parent, of a person under 16 years of age in a), b), c) or d) who resides or is present in PHSD.

Beginning in late December 2021, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health announced a shift in the focus of provincial and local public health officials' case and contact management of COVID-19. This was in response to the highly transmissible Omicron variant, which had resulted in steep climbs in case numbers across the province and related capacity challenges for both our public health resources (including access to testing) and acute care health system.

Although highly transmissible, Omicron presents lower risks of severe illness and hospitalization than other COVID-19 variants experienced earlier in the pandemic in Ontario.

While positive COVID-19 cases in highest risk settings (e.g., hospitals, long-term care homes and retirement homes) continued to receive full case and contact management, cases outside high-risk settings have mainly been directed to and supported by updated Ministry of Health online resources to help them understand what they need to do by way of self-isolation and informing household and other close contacts. **This important provincial guidance is available at [www.ontario.ca/exposed](http://www.ontario.ca/exposed). Ontario is still required to follow all restrictions and measures put in place by the province.**

Given these factors, I have determined that my class order for self-isolation (first issued on October 28, 2021, and last updated effective February 10, 2022) is no longer necessary and shall be rescinded.

*Original signed by*

Penny Sutcliffe, MD, MHSc, FRCPC  
Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

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<sup>i</sup> Areas Comprising Health Units, R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 553, as amended, Schedule 35. The Board of Health for the Sudbury and District Health Unit operates as Public Health Sudbury & Districts.