

MEMORANDUM TO: All Chiefs of Police and
Commissioner Thomas Carrique
Chairs, Police Services Boards

FROM: Richard Stubbings
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SUBJECT: **Conclusion of COVID-19 Enforcement Support Line
and Reporting of Enforcement Data under the
Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act
and the *Reopening Ontario Act***

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I would like to take an opportunity to acknowledge the collective efforts of our enforcement partners, who have worked relentlessly to serve and protect Ontarians over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Further to All Chiefs Memorandum 20-0031, 20-0047, 21-0005 and 22-0032, I am writing to advise that effective immediately, the Ministry of the Solicitor General (ministry) has discontinued the COVID-19 Enforcement Support Line. In addition, the ministry will also be winding down province-wide reporting on enforcement of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA) and the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* (ROA), in response to COVID-19.

The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has been cautiously and gradually easing public health and workplace safety measures. However, masking and face covering requirements will remain in place in certain settings under a Class Order made by the Chief Medical Officer of Health pursuant to section 22 under Section 77.1 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act until June 11, 2022, unless extended or revoked. The ministry's plan to discontinue the COVID-19 Enforcement Support Line and the collection of related enforcement data is aligned with the expiry of relevant orders under the EMCPA and ROA.

Action Required:

The ministry requests that police services boards and Chiefs submit outstanding enforcement data to solgen.reporting@ontario.ca by **May 16, 2022**, to ensure the collection of up-to-date information. This would include:

- Any historical enforcement data that has not yet been submitted to the ministry; and
- Sustained weekly submission of enforcement data up to April 27, 2022.

Services are asked to remind their personnel of any requirements for records retention related to their EMCPA and/or ROA compliance and enforcement activities.

Submission of COVID-19 related enforcement data beyond the dates indicated above will no longer be required.

For questions related to enforcement reporting, please contact **Jeanette Gorzkowski, Senior Manager, Analytics Unit** at solgen.reporting@ontario.ca

Thank you for your commitment and support over the pandemic to ensure the safety of our communities.

Sincerely,



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Appendix

Enforcement Activities Reported to the Ministry

Over the course of the pandemic from March 2020 to April 23, 2022:

- There were nearly 340,000 enforcement activities reported to the Ministry of the Solicitor General by police agencies, municipalities, public health units and regulatory ministries.
- Of the total activities reported, nearly 290,000 pertained to individuals or businesses that were educated about public health requirements by provincial offences officers.
- Over 35,000 warnings were issued, over 12,000 charges under Part I of the *Provincial Offences Act* (POA), and about 1,300 charges under Part III of the POA were laid, and over 1,000 orders under O. Reg. 8/21 were issued (including orders to disperse, orders to provide information, and orders for temporary closures).

Cumulative Summary (Mar 21/20 - Apr 23/22)						Enforcement of COVID-19 Measures O. Reg. 8/21 Powers			Total
	Education	Warnings	Part I Offence	Part III Offence	CC or Other Offence	Temp closure	Order to disperse	Provide info	
Ontario	287,288	35,548	12,230	1,255	1,810	64	682	356	339,233
Police	48,801	16,751	5,210	427	1,810	60	681	356	74,096
Municipalities/PHUs	212,032	13,769	6,200	803	0	4	1	0	232,809
Ministries/MMTs	26,455	5,028	820	25	0	0	0	0	32,328

Notes: "CC or Other Offence" category includes Criminal Code, Highway Traffic Act, Liquor License and Control Act, Trespass to Property Act, Motorized Snow Vehicle Act offences and Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act. Police Agencies vary in their ability to identify Criminal Code and Other Offences that are linked to COVID-19 Enforcement incidents, leading to variation in reporting between Police Agencies.