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The Embassy of State of Kuwait to Canada urges all esteemed citizens living across Canada to fully comply with the guidelines issued by the Canadian federal health authorities as well as the Government of Ontario's, which came into force on January 14th, 2021. The new instructions issued by the Government of Ontario involve a stay-at-home order requiring everyone to remain at home and leave only when it's necessary. The public has also been instructed to avoid visits and gatherings of non-residents of the household, emphasizing that the law will be strictly implemented without compromise. People will be allowed to leave home for permitted purposes or activities, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services, doing exercise or for work where the work cannot be done remotely.

The following are the most prominent new recommendations for the province of Ontario, which will be committed to at least February 11, 2021:

- The Ontario government has not specified what has been termed as essential across the board in the province. Still, it has provided a list of conditions that people must observe before leaving their homes, including grocery (including medication), exercise, or work where the work cannot be done remotely.
- There is no limit to the number of times one may leave home, and there is no time limit for leaving home out of necessity. The permissible limit for outdoor gatherings is five people while adhering to physical distancing measures and wearing masks.
- An ID must be shown to a police officer, and reasonable justification must be given to the officer for leaving home.
- Domestic services such as housekeeping, cooking, indoor and outdoor cleaning, and maintenance services are permitted, but only for the support of children and the elderly.
- Restaurants and bars are not affected by the new rules and will only be available via car service and delivery.
- Car sales, repair of vehicles and equipment, essential maintenance services, and rental of vehicles and equipment are available by appointment only.

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- Driver's learning is not permitted, except for commercial vehicle drivers.
- Sports, including dog walking, jogging and snowmobiling, are allowed in a public rink, but it is best to stay home.
- Trips to a cottage or secondary dwelling should be avoided unless it is for an essential purpose such as emergency maintenance.
- Pre-arranged reservations of short-term rentals in hotels, motels, lodges, cabins, homes, and resorts are prohibited.
- It is permissible to go to mosques or celebrations, as well as wedding and funeral services, as long as masks are worn while maintaining a physical distance. The capacity must not exceed ten people inside.
- It is not recommended to travel within the provinces at this time; however, mail, freight, transportation, and delivery services are still available.
- concert venues, theatres and cinemas have been closed.
- Dentists continue to receive patients according to prior appointments, and the public is not allowed to enter a commercial center that includes a dental clinic or pharmacy.

The Embassy hereby urges citizens to contact it directly at any time, on the number & e-mail designated for an emergency, to respond to all inquiries.

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