



Deafblind and Sensory
Support Network of Canada

Réseau canadien de soutien à la
surdicécité et troubles sensoriels

April 1, 2021,

Dear Sensity Community,

The Ontario government on Thursday announced it is imposing a provincewide “emergency brake” as a result of surging COVID-19 case numbers and hospitalizations across the province. The order takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 3, 2021 and is expected to remain in place for at least four weeks.

The order prohibits indoor organized public events and social gatherings. Unfortunately, this means indoor visits by family to see their loved ones are immediately suspended, including those scheduled over the Easter holiday weekend on Saturday and Sunday. The suspension of family visits applies to all Sensity congregate care settings in Paris, London, Kingston, Welland and Sudbury. We appreciate this is difficult for you and the people we support.

We are also suspending all non-essential activities in the community for the people we support for the duration of the “emergency brake” order. Permitted activities include attending medical appointment and getting fresh air and exercise outdoors, such as going for a neighbourhood walk.

I urge you to take this new Ontario government order seriously. The virus is spreading rapidly and the new variants of concern significantly increase a person’s chances of becoming seriously ill or dying if they contract COVID-19.

The full government news release can be accessed in the following link:

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/60986/ontario-implements-provincewide-emergency-brake>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Cathy Proll'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cathy Proll, CEO



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