

April 30, 2020

Dear Sir/Madame:

The Haldimand Norfolk Health Unit is writing to you today, as you are an owner of property(ies) located in Haldimand County and/or Norfolk County. We believe that the property(ies) may be a vacation home or secondary residence in Haldimand County and/or Norfolk County.

COVID-19 has had significant impact on families, business and communities. In Haldimand County and Norfolk County, 30 people have died of COVID-19, and many more are likely infected. The Haldimand Norfolk Health Unit is concerned about an additional wave of cases in the next few months.

Many factors may be associated with this secondary wave of cases. This includes the non-essential movement and migration of people. One of the key public health messages is for people to "stay at home", unless there is a compelling reason to travel away from your residence. This strategy is one reason that trailer parks, campgrounds, and recreational vehicle rental areas have been closed by provincial directive.

Haldimand County and Norfolk County are wonderful places to spend a vacation. However, in the context of the pandemic, the Haldimand Norfolk Health Unit is requiring individuals who have a primary residence outside of Haldimand County or Norfolk County to refrain from occupying a secondary residence(s) located in the Health Unit district. This requirement is articulated in a formal public health order, which is enclosed.

I recognize the disappointment that you and your family may experience as a result of this order. However, I ask that you consider the impact of your decision on the current residents of Haldimand County and Norfolk County. Your actions may save a life.

We will continue to monitor the pandemic, and I hope that this order can be lifted as the pandemic resolves.

Sincerely,



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