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**CLASS ORDER
MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 22 OF THE
HEALTH PROTECTION AND PROMOTION ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.7**

DATE: July 23, 2020

- To: All persons residing in or present in the health unit served by the Medical Officer of Health, in Elgin County, Oxford County, and City of St. Thomas who:
- a. Are identified as a person diagnosed with COVID-19;
 - b. Have the signs and symptoms of COVID-19, have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting the results of their test;
 - c. Otherwise have reasonable grounds to believe they have symptoms of COVID-19; or
 - d. Are a close contact of a person identified in a., b., or c.

I, Dr. Joyce Lock, Medical Officer of Health of the Oxford Elgin St. Thomas Health Unit (operating as Southwestern Public Health), order you to take the following actions, effective from 11:59pm on July 23, 2020:

1. Where specifically directed by Southwestern Public Health, to submit to an examination by a physician and/or a health care provider, which examination may include a test for COVID-19, and to deliver to Southwestern Public Health the result of any such test for COVID-19.
2. Isolate yourself without delay in accordance with instructions provided by Southwestern Public Health. This includes remaining in your home or isolation facility. Do not go outside, unless on to a private balcony or enclosed yard where you can avoid close contact with others. You must not have any visitors into your home except as permitted by Southwestern Public Health.

3. Remain in isolation for a 14-day period that begins on the day on which you first show symptoms, are tested, or are diagnosed with COVID-19, whichever is earliest, or on the last day of close contact, unless otherwise instructed by Southwestern Public Health in accordance with the current Ministry of Health guidelines as amended:
www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_testing_clearing_cases_guidance.pdf
4. During the self-isolation period, conduct yourself in such a manner as not to expose another person to infection or potential infection from COVID-19.
5. Keep away from vulnerable persons.
6. Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (e.g., difficulty breathing) by calling 911 and telling them of your COVID-19 related diagnosis or symptoms.

The requirements of this Order are subject to necessary modifications for the following persons or class of persons:

1. A person or class of persons who, in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health, is asymptomatic and provides an essential service, for limited purpose of providing that essential service;
2. A person receiving essential medical services or treatments, whether or not related to COVID-19; or
3. Where a person's isolation, in the opinion of Southwestern Public Health, would not be in the public interest.

The REASONS for this ORDER are that:

1. COVID-19 has been designated as communicable under Ontario Regulation 135/18, as amended. COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. The Province of Ontario has declared an emergency under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act as a result of the pandemic.
2. COVID-19 is present in the region served by Southwestern Public Health and therefore poses a risk to the health of the residents of the region through community transmission. The COVID-19 virus is spread from an infected person close to a close contact by direct contact or when respiratory secretions from the infected person enter the eyes, nose, or mouth of another person.

3. To contain the spread of COVID-19, individuals experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or who are infected with COVID-19, as well as their close contacts, are required to isolate themselves from other people until they are no longer infectious or potentially infectious. Isolation ensures that these people will not spread their infection to others.

I am of the opinion, on reasonable and probable grounds, that:

- a. A communicable disease exists or there is an immediate risk of an outbreak or a communicable disease in the health unit served by me;
- b. The communicable disease presents a risk to the health of persons in the health unit served by me; and
- c. The requirements specified in this Order are necessary in order to decrease or eliminate the risk to health presented by the communicable disease.

I am also of the opinion that the delivery of notice of this Order to each and every member of the class is likely to cause a delay that could significantly increase the risk to the health of any person residing in the health unit, so notice shall be provided through the public media and internet via posting on the Southwestern Public Health website: www.swpublichealth.ca

The following definitions apply to this Order:

Close Contact: means you are caring for or living in the same household with someone who has COVID-19 or has otherwise been identified as a close contact by Southwestern Public Health.

Vulnerable Person: includes a person who (i) has an underlying medical condition; (ii) has a compromised immune system from a medical condition or treatment; (iii) is 70 years of age or older; or (iv) is reliant upon a homeless shelter or other congregate living setting.

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE THAT each member of the class is entitled to a hearing by the Health Services Appeal and Review Board if the member has delivered to me at the address below, and to the Health Services Appeal and Review Board, by email to hsarb@ontario.ca or faxed to the HSARB at 416-327-8524, notice in writing, requesting a hearing within fifteen (15) days after publication of this Order or otherwise in accordance with applicable law.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE That although a hearing may be requested, this Order takes effect when it is delivered to a member of the class or brought to the attention of a member of the class.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER is an offence for which you may be liable, on conviction, to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for every day or part of each day on which the offence occurs or continues.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Lock".

Dr. Joyce Lock, MD, MSC, FRCPC
Medical Officer of Health
Southwestern Public Health
1230 Talbot Street
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This Order shall be posted on the Southwestern Public Health website:
www.swpublichealth.ca

Inquiries about this Order should be directed to Southwestern Public Health at
1-800-922-0096 x 9.