



# Media Release

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## **Medical Officer of Health issues instructions for food & drink establishments**

On March 20, 2021, the Province [announced](#) adjustments to dining capacity limits at restaurants, bars, and other food and drink establishments for regions in the Grey/Lockdown, Red/Control, Orange/Restrict and Yellow/Protect levels of the [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#). For Halton in the Red/Control level, changes include allowing up to 50 per cent capacity of the indoor dining area, to a maximum of 50 patrons, so long as physical distancing requirements are met.

As an added measure to protect the safety of staff, patrons and the broader community, Dr. Meghani, Halton Region's Medical Officer of Health has issued instructions to owners, operators and other persons responsible for restaurants, bars, food trucks, concession stands and other indoor and outdoor food or drink establishments. These instructions are being issued as we continue to see cases of COVID-19 in Halton region and have experienced outbreaks and community transmission of Variants of Concern (VOCs). These instructions take effect at 12:01 a.m. March 23, 2021, and are in addition to [Provincial measures](#) identified in the Framework. Read Dr. Meghani's instructions to businesses.

For additional guidance, please visit Halton's [COVID-19 Information and Guidance webpage](#). To get the latest information on the [Red/Control Level](#) and what this means for Halton, please visit [halton.ca/COVID19](http://halton.ca/COVID19).

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