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Green Does Not Mean Everything Goes

Grey Bruce is in the [Green- Prevent Zone](#) in the Ontario COVID-19 response framework. There remain limits on activity to prevent spread of the COVID-19 virus. Individuals should not be gathering in uncontrolled situations.

Residents are reminded staying home is still the best way to protect yourself and others.

You are strongly advised to:

- stay home as much as possible
- avoid social gatherings
- limit close contacts to your household
- work from home if possible, and allow your employees to work from home if they can
- maintain two metre physical distancing
- avoid travel except for essential reasons; essential includes:
 - going for food or medications
 - going to work – if it can't be done at home
 - going for healthcare services
 - supporting vulnerable community members
 - going to childcare or school
 - getting exercise or walking pets

Observe limits set forth in the [Provincial Framework](#):

- [Events and social gatherings in private homes, backyards or parks \(for example, barbeques\)](#):
 - Indoors: 10 people
 - Outside: 25 people
- [Organized public events and gatherings in staffed businesses and facilities \(for example, event spaces\)](#):
 - Indoors: 50 people
 - Outside: 100 people
- [Religious, wedding and funeral services](#):
 - Indoors: 30% capacity
 - Outside: 100 people

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Wear a face covering or mask:

- indoors, any time you are within two metres of someone outside your household
- if physical distancing cannot be maintained
- if wearing one is required
- whenever face-to-face with someone outside of your household, especially if you are within two metres.

Grey-Bruce statistics, to date, indicate that schools are safe environments. The positive outcomes of in-person learning and socialization eclipse the low risk of COVID-19 acquisition in the controlled environment of schools. Implementing robust public health measures such as physical distancing, cleaning practices, direct observation, enhanced screening measures, and wearing a mask correctly all contribute to that success. Remember, not all of the protective measures in schools are in place outside the school environment.

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