

Subject: Provincewide Shutdown

The Government of Ontario has imposed a provincewide shutdown, effective January 5, 2022, at 12:01am. All non-essential businesses must shutter for 21 days. This means that the Seniors Association must, once again, close its doors to our members and the public, effective January 4 to 26 (or until the province allows).

First, where possible, classes will move to online instruction. For classes where this is not possible, members will be issued credits for class(es) lost. Credits will be put into members' accounts after the reopening order has been issued by the Province. Further communication will come from the programs department about your specific program.

As you can imagine, closure is very difficult for the Association. With the help of some Federal/Provincial grants, the Board has made the decision to retain all of our staff during the shutdown. If you would like to assist the Association further by donating your program credits back to the Association, a tax receipt will be issued to you. To do so, please email info@seniorskingston.ca to let us know.

Secondly, our restaurant, Hatter's Cove, will remain open for takeout with curbside pickup, subject to demand. Starting Tuesday January 4, 2022, Hatter's Cove will operate Monday to Friday for lunchtime takeout. Call 613.548.7810 ext. 242 or email Chef Eve at EveK@seniorskingston.ca to place and pay for your order.

Despite these new challenges, Winter Program Registration will proceed as planned. Check your Program Guide for the mail-in and online registration dates. Staff will process registrations as planned, so you will be ready to enjoy your classes in February when session #3 begins.

The Province indicated that they hope this temporary move will bring down the number of cases and reduce the extraordinary demands placed on our medical system. The Association will continue to do its part. I thank you for your support and positive thoughts as we now enter our fourth shut down in less than two years. The staff and I hope to see all of you at the end of January. As the situation evolves, I'll send out further updates.

Stay well and stay safe.

Don Amos
Executive Director
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