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**Mayor Loyde  
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## **Immediate Media Release**

**December 22, 2020,**

As COVID-19 cases are on the rise, the Ontario government our Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts are implementing a province wide lockdown. The lockdown will go into effect as of Saturday, December 26, 2020, at 12:01 a.m. until at least January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.

I, Council and staff understand that these are difficult times for everyone, especially over the holiday season, however with hospitals close to the point of being overwhelmed we all need to do our part to reduce transmission and protect our neighbours.

The province is asking us all to:

- Stay home when ever possible. Any trips outside your house should be limited to essential purposes only (accessing health care, medication, groceries, childcare, outdoor exercise within your own neighbourhood and only with those in your household, walking pets when necessary
- Indoor organized public events and social gatherings are not permitted except with members of the same household
- **For the full list of guidelines please visit [news.ontario.ca](https://news.ontario.ca)**
- **You may also visit [hpepublichealth.ca](https://hpepublichealth.ca)**

Staff will not be in office from December 24<sup>th</sup> at noon until January 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am at which time the office will remain closed to the public but will be available via phone **(613) 473-2677, fax (613)473-5580** or email **[office@madoc.ca](mailto:office@madoc.ca)**. All payments can be made through your financial institution or you may drop a cheque off in our mailbox, located to the left of our main doors. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office and we will do our best to help.

**Mayor, Loyde Blackburn**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Loyde Blackburn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.