

## Ontario Emergency Orders Extended to May 19, 2020

Yesterday, the Ontario government extended the emergency orders under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* until May 19, 2020. As part of this update, the list of non-essential workplace closures was amended as follows:



- **Garden Centres & Nurseries** – As of Friday, May 8 at 12:01 am they are permitted to open for in-store payment and purchases.
- **Hardware & Safety Supply Stores** – As of Saturday, May 9 at 12:01 am they are permitted to open for in-store payment and purchases.
- **Retail Stores with a Street Entrance** – As of Saturday, May 9 at 12:01 am they are permitted to offer curbside pickup and delivery.
- **Essential Construction Projects Have Been Expanded to Include:**
  - Below-grade multi-residential construction (condos and apartments)
  - Continuation of existing above-grade construction

All essential service employers, including Concrete Ontario members, are encouraged to review the [Guidance Document for Essential Workplaces](#), produced by the Ontario Ministry of Health on May 2, 2020. It is critical that we ensure our company Health & Safety Policies have been updated to address the most recent government recommendations.

Additionally, we advise that all Concrete Ontario members reference the [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) and their uses by Commercial Vehicle Drivers](#) document created by Transport Canada. The transportation branch of the Federal government has outlined distinctions between the different types of PPE and provided guidance with respect to their uses as they pertain to commercial vehicle drivers. The document also touches on the cleaning supplies commercial vehicle drivers may need to ensure the Federal safety guidelines can be respected.

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