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## Ontario temporarily moving to modified Step 2 of the Roadmap to Reopen

**Waterloo Region** – In response to an increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations, the government of Ontario is moving the province to a modified version of Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen effective Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. for at least 21 days (until January 26, 2022), subject to trends in public health and health system indicators.

For more information on today’s announcement, [visit the Province of Ontario website](#).

Individual municipalities will provide updates on service changes, please check their websites for more details.

“We continue to see the impact of the Omicron variant here in Waterloo Region and across the Province of Ontario,” said Dr. Hsiu-Li Wang, Medical Officer of Health for the Region of Waterloo. “We will overcome this wave of COVID-19, like we have done before, and to do so we must continue to work together to protect our community and our health system.”

Residents are encouraged to continue following public health measures and get vaccinated to protect themselves. Get a vaccine at [www.regionofwaterloo.ca/GetAVaccine](http://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/GetAVaccine)

Residents are reminded to be mindful of feelings of isolation. If you or someone you know needs help, remember that local mental health support is available.

Local, professional mental health support is available from Here 24/7 at 1-844-437-3247.

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