

## Ontario Expands List of Essential Construction

The Ontario government announced on Friday, May 1 that it is allowing certain businesses and workplaces to reopen as long as they comply with strict public health measures and operate safely during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The Premier also allowed more types of construction to open up by adding the following to the list of essential construction projects:

- shipping and logistics;
- broadband, telecommunications, and digital infrastructure;
- any other project that supports the improved delivery of goods and services;
- municipal projects;
- colleges and universities;
- child care centres;
- schools; and,
- site preparation, excavation, and servicing for institutional, commercial, industrial and residential development.

The complete list of essential construction workplaces that are allowed to be open may be found at this link: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/list-essential-workplaces>.

It should be noted that the Order in Council that dictates what essential sites can operate and what non-essential sites must be closed is due to expire on Wednesday May 6th.

Again, it may be a last minute decision by the Ontario Cabinet to extend this Order In Council a week or two weeks as it has done in the past month.

Stay tuned as it may happen that the Government will let the Order expire which would allow ALL construction sites to open.

Here is the link to the government website listing all the Orders In Council and when they expire: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200106> .