



The Provincial Premier has just declared a state of emergency in Ontario as COVID-19 constitutes a danger of major proportions! As such, medical health officers and the Premiers Office has ordered the closure of all facilities providing indoor recreation programs, all public libraries, all private schools, all licensed childcare centres, all theatres, cinemas and concert venues and all bars and restaurants except to provide takeout food and delivery. This is effective immediately.

Although, Ontario Command cannot mandate a branch to close, in accordance with the State of Emergency, The Provincial President, Garry Pond is encouraging Royal Canadian Legion Branches in Ontario to close effective immediately.

We would suggest if a branch wishes to continue supporting Veterans/Widows and the greater

community, they may wish to consider a “buddy” system be implemented so that anyone over the age of 60 (the age group most impacted by COVID-19) has a conduit from self-isolation.

Your branch and a handful of members could create a phone list of members to contact that may require medicines or food and other needs as identified. As everyone effectively is aware of “The Legion” in their community, you may consider continuing the good work of the organization assisting this way while maintaining social distancing as best as you can.

Garry Pond

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