

COVID 19 Pandemic Declaration of Emergency Termination Decision Matrix

Emergency Response Goal:

Continue to protect the health and safety of our community and staff and do our part to limit the spread of COVID-19.

This decision matrix is designed to assist the Mayor/Council in determining if and when our existing state of emergency should be terminated. These criteria are subject to monitoring to support the decision making process.

#	COVID 19 Pandemic Criteria	Decision	Suggested Actions
1	Do public health numbers exceed the City of Burlington's Community Public Safety threshold? 10% of the population impacted and/or under 10 residents infected	YES	Sustain declaration due to ongoing threat to life safety
		NO	Proceed to review alternate benchmark criteria
2	Has the Region and/or neighboring lower tier and upper tier municipalities terminated declaration of emergency?	YES	Proceed to review alternate benchmark criteria
		NO	Consider sustaining declaration due to public perception and confidence and review alternate benchmark criteria.
3	Have other like municipalities terminated declaration of emergency?	YES	Compare WHY and consider terminating with consideration given to alternate benchmark criteria.
		NO	Proceed to review alternate benchmark criteria
4	Does the decision to terminate the declaration directly impact temporary by-laws in place to protect community and staff?	YES	Consider options for repeal or extension, and public safety impacts. Suggest remaining under Declaration of Emergency.
		NO	Suggest termination of declaration of emergency pending alternate benchmark criteria met.

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6	Do services remain altered / suspended?	YES	Consider service impacts and customer experience disruptions – if these are major, consider remaining under declaration.
		NO	Suggest termination of declaration of emergency pending alternate benchmark criteria met.
7	Is there affirmation of urgency? Refer to Ontario Ministry of Health and Region Public Health for Guidance	YES	Consider remaining under declaration
		NO	Suggest termination of declaration of emergency pending alternate benchmark criteria met.