

## Media Release

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## **Medical Officer of Health Order – Beach Closures in Grey Bruce**

The Grey Bruce Health Unit Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Ian Arra, is ordering municipalities to close all beaches in Grey and Bruce Counties. This directive applies to all municipal managed beaches in both counties. This order remains in effect until rescinded. This is consistent with Provincial direction to close all provincial beaches.

Municipalities will be posting all relevant beaches.

This order is made pursuant to Section. 22 of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. H. 7 as amended.

There is increased risk of transmission of COVID-19 in unsupervised and unregulated open public setting such as beaches. Closing beaches will prevent their use by casual visitors, reduce unnecessary travel locally and inter-provincially, and lessen the attraction of others to visit the area. While the re-opening of certain sector of the economy is a priority, there is a great need to continue to do everything possible to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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