



## Statement on the Changes to Construction Exemptions to COVID-19 Shut Down

Today, the Government reissued the list of essential workplaces. The Ontario General Contractors Association (OGCA) supports the Government of Ontario's decision to stop the spread of COVID-19 by removing exemptions on many ICI worksites. As a result, most industrial construction must cease operations until further notice. The shutdown is a drastic action, but the projection we received today concerning the potential death toll means that we must support the Government's effort to try to save lives.

Unfortunately, general contractors are now subject to penalty clauses for the costs associated with the Government shut down. We are actively working with members, associate partners and Government to ensure that general contractors receive the support so desperately needed. OGCA's members continue to be the safest contractors in Ontario and have been working safely throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Now more than ever, we need to support the contractors that will rebuild our economy.

Please see the list of essential services [here](#).

Please see #31, which we were able to have included. It gives no limit on your activity to close your site and make it safe for what may be a long duration.

We recognize that, in many cases, the updated list is not clear. We are working on getting these clarifications as soon as possible.

The [OGCA website](#) contains shut down protocols that many members have agreed to let us share with you.

We will continue to update you.