

## HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

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## Hamilton Police Services Board Statement on Stay-at-Home Order

Like many police services across the province, the Hamilton Police Services Board has concerns about the decision to expand police enforcement of the emergency Stay-at-Home order. We recognize that COVID-19 continues to have the greatest impact on marginalized communities and individuals classified as essential workers.

Increasing police enforcement is not the answer.

Acting Chief Ryan Diodati has assured the Hamilton Police Service Board that Hamilton Police members will continue to provide the highest quality policing to our residents. The Acting Chief has committed that Hamilton Police will not be conducting random vehicle or individual stops.

Police play a vital part in keeping our communities safe, but we need to do our part by following the advice of our public health experts.

We will continue to provide more information as soon as the new legislation becomes available.

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