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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**Date:** March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 10:15 AM

**Authorization:** S/Sgt Allison

**Subject:** Quarantine Act Emergency Order

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the Federal Minister of Health announced an Emergency Order under the *Quarantine Act* that requires any person entering Canada by air, sea or land to self-isolate for 14 days **whether or not** they have symptoms of COVID-19.

The office of the Minister of Health advises of the following:

The order will be fully implemented by the Canada Border Services Agency at points of entry by midnight tonight. The Government of Canada will use its authority under the *Quarantine Act* to ensure compliance with the order. Failure to comply with this Order is an offense under the *Quarantine Act*. Maximum penalties include a fine of up to \$750,000 and/or imprisonment for six months. Further, a person who causes a risk of imminent death or serious bodily harm to another person while willfully or recklessly contravening this Act or the regulations could be liable for a fine of up to \$1,000,000 or to imprisonment of up to three years, or to both. Spot checks will be conducted by the Government of Canada to verify compliance.

All individuals permitted to enter Canada are subject to this Order, with the exception of certain persons who cross the border regularly to ensure the continued flow of goods and services, and those who provide essential services. Individuals exempt from the Order will still need to practice social distancing and self-monitoring and contact their local public health authority if they feel sick.

The Cobourg Police Service is working closely with Municipal, Provincial and Federal levels of government and their agencies to keep all Canadians safe during this crisis.

For further information please visit the following link;

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/03/new-order-makes-self-isolation-mandatory-for-individuals-entering-canada.html>



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### **About Cobourg Police Services**

The Cobourg Police Service is a trusted community partner committed to quality policing that protects the safety, security and in turn, enhancing the quality of life in the Town of Cobourg. The service is directed by Chief Paul VandeGraaf, supported by a robust team of senior administration, uniformed and civilian members.

As its most valuable resource, the Cobourg Police Service takes pride in its members who each day strive to keep our community a safe place to live, work and play.

A Police Services Board made up of five local members, provides civilian governance and policy direction. The Board operates under legislation and directives from the Provincial Ministry of the Solicitor General. It has met all of the Provincial Adequacy standards and is a professional and complete Police Service meeting all of the Cobourg area's policing needs.

For more information go to [www.CobourgPolice.com](http://www.CobourgPolice.com) and follow us on social media @cobourgplice.

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