DOCTOR LAWRENCE THINKS THE RIGHT THING TO DO IS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF TRANSMISSION RIGHT NOW.

WITH CASE COUNTS RISING IN THE THIRD WAVE TAKING OFF, PEELS TOP DOCTOR HALTS IN CLASS LEARNING IN ALL SCHOOLS IN MISSISSAUGA, BRAMPTON.

100 PERCENT IS GONNA GET WORSE BEFORE WE CHANGE THE MEASURES.

AS ICUS IN YOUR CAPACITY A CRITICAL CARE PHYSICIAN AT THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK SAYS CURRENT MEASURES ARE NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

TWO SECONDS.

AND HE DRILLS IT.

A BUZZER BEATER BY ONE OF THE RAPTORS NEWEST PLAYERS GIVE TORONTO THEIR SECOND STRAIGHT WIN.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US, ALL SCHOOLS IN PEEL REGION WILL BE CLOSED IN CLASS LEARNING FOR TWO WEEKS BEGINNING TOMORROW. STUDENTS WILL SWITCH TO REMOTE LEARNING WHICH INCLUDES ALL SCHOOLS IN BRAMPTON, COLLEGE IN AND MISSISSAUGA. SPRING BREAK WILL GO AHEAD AS PLANNED THEY WEEK OF APRIL 12th TO THE 16th, THE CLOSURE OF IMPERSONAL LEARNING IS EXPECTED TO LAST TILL THE END OF DAY APRIL 18th. LICENSED CHILD CARE PROGRAMS WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR CHILDREN UNDER SIX YEARS OF AGE THAT ARE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL.

WE'RE NOT GONNA VACCINATE OUR WAY OUT OF THIS IN TIME. EVEN IF WE VACCINATED EVERYONE TODAY IT'LL TAKE THREE TO FOUR
WEEKS BEFORE WE SEE THAT IMPACT. WHEN HE TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE LIMITING CONTACT Interactions AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THIS TIME POINTED TIME. IN THIS UNDER CONTROL AND HOPEFULLY GETTING TO A POINT OR WE CAN RETURN TO IMPERSONAL LEARNING AND CONFIDENCE IN HAVE VACCINES CONTINUED TO COVER THE COMMUNITY PROVIDE THAT PROTECTION. >> Jackie: A SPOKESPERSON FOR EDUCATION MINISTER SENT CP24 THE STATEMENT, "THE PEEL MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH HAS STATED THAT SCHOOLS ARE SAFE AND THAT THE SOURCE OF TRANSMISSION, HOWEVER, THEY CAN BE PUT AT RISK OF A HIGH-LEVEL COMMITTEE SPREAD. IT'S OUR FIRM BELIEF THAT SCHOOL SHOULD BE OPEN FOR IN CLASS LEARNING AS THEY ARE CRITICAL TO STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH. DUE TO THE STRONG INFECTION PREVENTION MEASURES, 99 PERCENT OF STUDENTS IN STAFF HAVE NO ACTIVE CASES OF COVID-19, HOWEVER, WE MUST REMAIN VIGILANT TO KEEP OUR GUARD UP IN ORDER TO KEEP SCHOOL SAFE AND OPEN." MOVING SCHOOLS TO REMOTE LEARNING AND HOTSPOTS AS PART OF A LARGER LIST OF REQUEST THAT DR LAWRENCE AND TO OTHER MEDICAL OFFICERS AND HEALTH HAVE ASKED THE PROVINCE TO IMPOSE. CP24 MARC LIVERMAN JOINS US LIVE WITH MORE ON THAT IN WHAT THE OTHER DOCTORS HAVE TO SAY. >> Reporter: THIS IS SOMETHING THAT DR EILEEN AS WELL AS OTTAWA'S TOP DOCTOR AND DOCTOR LAWRENCE ARE PUSHING FOR, THEY'RE SAYING THAT THERE SHOULD BE A STAY-AT-HOME ORDER RATE ACROSS THE PROVINCE, THEY SAY BASED ON WHAT IS ALREADY EXISTING RIGHT NOW, THOSE CASE
NUMBERS JUST CONTINUE TO CLIMB
AND THAT IS THE CONCERN, THE
STRAIN ON THE PROVINCIAL
HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AT LARGE.
THE THREE OFFICERS OF HEALTH ARE
ASKING DR WILLIAMS TO RECONSIDER
THE LIST OF BUSINESSES AND
SERVICES DEEMED ESSENTIAL IN THE
PROVINCE.
THEY'RE ASKING TO IMPLEMENT
STAFFING LIMITS OF NO MORE THAN
50 PERCENT FOR ESSENTIAL
BUSINESSES AND SERVICES.
THEY'RE ALSO PUSHING TO MOVE
SCHOOLS TO ONLINE OR HYBRID
LEARNING WHEREVER SCHOOL
OUTBREAKS AND LOCAL
JURISDICTIONS ARE SIGNIFICANT
AND CAPACITY TO MANAGE IT
STRETCH.
AS OF LAST WEEK THE HEALTH
MINISTER CHRISTINE ELLIOTT SAID
THAT THEY DID NOT PLAN TO
REPLICATE THE STAY-AT-HOME ORDER
THAT WE SAW DURING THE SECOND
WAVE BECAUSE OF THE NEGATIVE
EFFECTS THAT IT HAD AN RESIDENCE
ESPECIALLY EMOTIONALLY AND
PSYCHOLOGICALLY.
HERE'S MORE FROM PATRICK BROWN
AS WELL AS BONNIE CROMBIE.
>>> IN TERMS OF REMOVING
BUSINESSES FROM THE ESSENTIAL
WORKPLACE LIST.
I AGREE WITH THAT.
IN BRAMPTON, THE VAST MAJORITY
OF OUR BUSINESSES ARE ESSENTIAL,
THOSE FACTORIES ARE STILL WIDE
OPEN, THEY ARE BUSIER THAN EVER.
IT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WE
CONTINUE TO SEE CASE COUNTS GO
UP.
WE BEEN IN LOCKDOWN SINCE
NOVEMBER BUT WERE CLOSING
RESTAURANTS AND HAIRS ON, WERE
NOT CLOSING THE FACTORS THAT
HAVE OUTBREAKS.
I DOING THAT AT SOME POINT YOU
HAVE TO TAKE A DIFFERENT
APPROACH.
I'M THE APPROACH WE'RE TAKING
SINCE NOVEMBER'S NOT WORKING AND
DOES NOT HAVE THE DESIRED
OUTCOME THAT WHICH LOOK AT WAYS
THAT WE CAN DO THIS DIFFERENTLY.
>> DOCTOR LAWRENCE THINK THE
RIGHT THING TO DO IS TO REDUCE
THE RISK OF TRANSMISSION RIGHT
NOW.
SCHOOLS IS THE FIRST AND I'M
LETTING YOU KNOW THAT I KNOW HE
IS LOOKING AT DIFFERENT AND
OTHER RESTRICTIVE MEASURES BUT
SO FAR OUR CHILDREN HAVE BEEN
OFF SINCE FRIDAY APRIL 2nd AND
THEY WILL BE OFF FOR THEIR
SPRING BREAK UNTIL THE 18th.
THAT WILL BE 16 DAYS FOR A
COOLING-OFF PERIOD.
>> Reporter: SOMETHING THAT
HAS BEEN PRAISED BY A LOT OF
SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS ACROSS THE
PROVINCE AND PEOPLE IN GENERAL
ACROSS THE PROVINCE THAT AT THIS
POINT ONTARIO OFFICIALS ARE
SAYING THAT THEY WANT TO
ESTABLISH THIS EMERGENCY BRAKE
SYSTEM THAT ONLY WENT INTO
EFFECT A FEW DAYS AGO ON
SATURDAY.
SEE HOW THAT WORKS TO BRING THE
CASE NUMBERS DOWN AND THEN
EVALUATED.
ESPECIALLY ON A LONG-TERM BASIS.
THAT IS BEFORE THEY PUT ANY
RESTRICTIONS.
BACK TO YOU.
>> Jackie: MARC LIVERMAN,
THANK YOU.
>>> WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE
LEADERS OF SEVERAL TEACHERS
UNIONS ACROSS THE GTA WITH THEIR
THOUGHTS ON PEELS DECISION TO
CLOSE IN CLASS LEARNING.
>> THEY ARE RELIEVED.
TO SAY THAT TEACHERS ALL ACROSS
THE PROVINCE ARE ANXIOUS IS TO
PUT IT EXTREMELY MILD.
THEY TRULY BELIEVE THAT THEY'VE
BEEN ABANDONED BY THE MINISTER
AND BY THE MINISTRY.
THERE'S THIS CONSTANT PUSH THAT SCHOOL SHOULD BE KEPT OPEN AND CERTAINLY WE HAVE ALWAYS SAID THAT WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT IN PERSON LEARNING IS BEST, WHICH IS WHY WE ARE OPPOSED TO THIS GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO TRY AND BRING IN ONLINE LEARNING PERMANENTLY.
HOWEVER, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY IS SAFE WITHIN BUILDING.
>> I AM GRATEFUL TO DOCTOR LAWRENCE FOR HAVING MADE THIS DECISION.
NO DOUBT ITS AN EASY DECISION AND THERE WOULD'VE BEEN SOME PRESSURE FROM THOSE WHO WANTED SCHOOLS TO REMAIN OPEN.
I THINK IT WAS ABSOLUTELY THE RIGHT THING TO DO WHEN WE LOOK AT WHAT THE METRICS AND NUMBERS ARE.
THEY WERE EXTERNALLY DISTURBING AND SO I'M GLAD HE'S TAKEN THE STEP.
>> IT'S A CONCERN.
I THINK THAT WE NEED TO BE MAKING BETTER INFORMED DECISIONS FOR THE ENTIRE GTA AT THIS TIME.
THE SHUTTING DOWN OF CLASSROOMS IS VERY CHAOTIC FOR PARENTS AND EDUCATORS.
I'M REALLY SURPRISED THAT OTHER REGIONS HAVE NOT MADE THIS DECISION THAT PEEL MADE TODAY.
>> Jackie: TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH SAYS IT IS NOT RECOMMENDING A SHIFT TO REMOTE LEARNING FOR TORONTO SCHOOLS.
PUBLIC HEALTH WILL MANAGE RISKS ON THE SCHOOL BY SCHOOL BASIS, A STATEMENT FROM PUBLIC HEALTH GOES ON TO SAY, "TAKING IMMEDIATE AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ADDRESS THESE COMPLEX OUTBREAKS, IT'LL BE REVISITED ON DAILY BASIS AND FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS MAY BE MADE IN
THE NEAR FUTURE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS IN THE PROVINCE.
PUBLIC HEALTH WILL CONTINUE TO RECOMMEND EARLY DISMISSAL FOR INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS UPON INVESTIGATION TO PROTECT STUDENTS, STAFF, TEACHERS AND SCHOOL COMMUNITIES."
OTHER REGIONS ARE ALSO GIVING THEIR SCHOOLS OPEN, DURHAM REGION HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYING THAT IT IS CLOSELY MONITORING THE SITUATION AND AREA SCHOOLS BUT THAT IT IS NOT LYING ON CLOSING SCHOOL BOARDS.
CITY OF HAMILTON IS ALSO FOLLOWING SUIT SAYING, WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF IN PERSON LEARNING AND HOW CRITICAL IT IS FOR THE MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING FOR OUR KIDS, AND FOR THAT SENSE OF ROUTINE.
THE HALTON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD SAYS SCHOOLS WILL BE OPENED IN PERSON LEARNING THIS WEEK SAYING THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF PEEL PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTING SCHOOLS IN PEEL REGION TO MOVE TO REMOTE LEARNING.
HALTON REGION PUBLIC HEALTH HAS NOT DIRECTED SCHOOLS TO MOVE TO REMOTE LEARNING.
IT APPEARS ANOTHER SCHOOL BOARD IN THE PROVINCE OBESE SWITCHING TO ONLINE LEARNING THIS WEEK.
THE UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TWEETING TONIGHT THAT THEY'VE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT WELLINGTON, DUFFER AND QUELL PUBLIC HEALTH WILL ISSUE AN ORDER DIRECTING ALL SCHOOLS TO CLOSE IN PERSON LEARNING EFFECTIVE APRIL 7. ALL STUDENTS WILL SHIFT TO REMOTE LEARNING STARTING ON WEDNESDAY.
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>>> TIME FOR A CHECK ON THE
FORECAST.
A LOOK AHEAD TO TOMORROW AND AP GET THE OVERNIGHT CONDITIONS AS WELL.

>> Chris: THE WEATHER PATTERN TODAY WILL BE VERY SIMILAR TOMORROW, THE NEXT DAY AND THE NEXT DAY.
KNOWN AS A BLOCKING PATTERN.
IT REALLY PREVENTS THE MOVEMENT, LOW AND HIGH PRESSURE SYSTEMS,
LOW-PRESSURE RESIDES OFF THE ATLANTIC AND BASICALLY SITTING THERE ACROSS EASTERN CANADA.
LOW PRESSURE WILL STILL STICK AROUND WELL TO THE WEST TOWARDS MANITOBA, NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO,
WE GENERALLY HAVE HIGH PRESSURE IN PLACE BUT WE HAVE SEEN THESE WEAK, MORE OR LESS UPPER LEVEL DISTURBANCES MOVE ON THROUGH.
THAT'S WHAT MOVED THROUGH SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO GIVING TORONTO MOSTLY CLOUD COVER BUT AREAS TO THE SOUTH GOT INTO SOME RAINFALL.
IT WAS HEAVY AT TIMES.
TOMORROW IT'LL START OFF WITH SUNSHINE ACROSS THE BOARD,
RAPIDLY WE'LL START TO SEE AN INCREASING CLOUD, WILL BECOME MOSTLY CLOUDY TO ALMOST OVERCAST WITH DAYTIME HIGHS ABOVE NORMAL.
A LOOKS LIKE WE GET INTO WAVE OF SHOWERS THAT QUICKLY MOVES IN FROM THE NORTH DURING THE EARLY EVENING AND QUICKLY EXITS TO THE SOUTH AS WE GET INTO THE LATE EVENING.
ONCE AGAIN MORE OR LESS AND UPPER DISTURBANCE AT ALL MOVE RAPIDLY.
WE DO HAVE RAIN TOMORROW, DURING THE EVENING, ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR RAINFALLS WE GET THROUGH THURSDAY, AND INTO FRIDAY.
WE'LL TALK ABOUT THE WEEKEND AND DO WE HOLD ONTO ABOVE NORMAL TEMPERATURES, THE ANSWERS COMING UP.
Jackie: CHRIS, THANK YOU.

TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH HAS RECOMMENDED THE CLOSURE OF MORE THAN 20 SCHOOLS ACROSS THE CITY. EARLIER TONIGHT THE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ANNOUNCED THAT SEVEN SCHOOLS WILL NOW MOVED ONLINE LEARNING. AS SHORT TIME AGO THE SCHOOL BOARD FOLLOW-UP WITH AN ADDITIONAL TWO CLOSURES. NINE CLOSURES TIME MAKING FOR A TOTAL OF 14 CLOSURES FOR IN CLASS LEARNING. IN ADDITION TO A FRENCH CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL