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## **Dealer Alert**

## **ONTARIO ORDERS CLOSURE OF DEALERSHIPS**

Just after 2 p.m. today Ontario updated the list of essential workplaces.

https://www.ontario.ca/page/list-essential-workplaces

Ontario dealers selling and leasing motor vehicles are not on the list and must close those physical operations.

We have confirmed with the Ontario Government that online, phone and remote delivery sales and leasing will still be permitted, if dealers wish to do so. Customers will not be permitted to visit the dealership, other than for service and repair work. Please practice social distancing and be extra vigilant for online scams and identity theft.

Some Service Ontario Offices will continue, in a limited fashion, to be open, for information in your area please visit

https://www.ontario.ca/page/serviceontario-centre-closures#section-3

Vehicle repairs, fuel, rental, parts and supplies may continue (parts and supplies must be delivered using alternative methods other than purchasers entering the store, such as outdoor pickup or delivery).

The order will take effect as of Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

This closure will be in effect for 14 days, with the possibility of an extension as the situation evolves.

The UCDA realizes that this will place a further hardship on Members that have remained open for business until now. Nevertheless, we urge members to follow the order for the sake of the health of everyone in order to help slow the spread of the dangerous COVID 19 virus.

Members may be eligible for relief from the Federal Government. Please visit

https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan/covid19-businesses.html

for more information. We will continue to push government for further aid to Members and will provide more information on how to apply for government aid when it becomes available.