

Office of the  
Chief Electoral Officer  
of Ontario



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de l'Ontario

**DIRECTIVE FOR THE 2025 GENERAL ELECTION  
FOR ALL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS**

**WHEREAS** certain long-term care facilities may be in lockdown on polling day.

**AND WHEREAS**, accordingly, the mobile polls that would have been assigned to locked down long-term care facilities will not be in use on polling day.

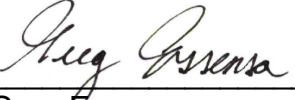
**AND WHEREAS** section 3.7 of the *Election Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c E.6 (the “**Act**”) authorizes the Chief Electoral Officer to give directions in cases of mistake, miscalculation, emergency, unusual, or unforeseen circumstances.

**AND WHEREAS** in order to enable electors who are residents of locked down long-term care homes to cast their ballots on polling day, I will invoke section 3.7 of the Act to extend the period to apply for a special ballot under section 45.2 (4) until the close of the polls on polling day for electors who are residents of long-term care facilities in lockdown on polling day.

**NOW THEREFORE, I HEREBY DIRECT**, pursuant to section 3.7 of the Act, that the period to apply for a special ballot is extended to the close of polls on polling day for electors who are residents of long-term care facilities in lockdown on polling day.

**I HEREBY DIRECT**, pursuant to section 3.7 of the Act, that mobile polls assigned to long-term care facilities in lockdown shall not be in use on polling day and are replaced by special ballot voting.

**I HEREBY DIRECT**, pursuant to section 3.7 of the Act, that special ballots cast by residents of long-term care facilities in lockdown shall be counted at the returning office.

  
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Greg Essensa  
Chief Electoral Officer

February 26, 2025  
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Date