

‘We Made a Mistake’: Ontario Premier Apologizes for Lockdown Measures

Through tears, Ontario Premier Doug Ford admitted Thursday his government’s recently imposed draconian lockdown measures “went too far.”

“Last Friday, in response to extremely troubling modeling that told us we could see well over 15,000 cases a day, we moved fast to put these measures in place to reduce mobility, but we moved too fast,” Ford told reporters. “And I know that some of those measures—especially around enforcement—they went too far.”

“Simply put, we got it wrong,” he said. “We made a mistake. These decisions, they left a lot of people very concerned. In fact, they left a lot of people angry and upset. I know we got it wrong. I know we made a mistake. And for that, I’m sorry and I sincerely apologize.”

The criticized measures included a ban on outdoor gatherings that involved anyone other than members of one household and a halt to all “nonessential” construction work (effective April 17), as well as capping attendance for all worship services, weddings and funerals to just 10 people (effective April 19), according to Yahoo! News Canada.

Those edicts prompted police—in more than one instance—to attempt to shut down worship services this past Sunday, hours before the attendance cap was supposed to be implemented.

Police reportedly showed up at Life Church in Muskoka, telling ministry leaders they had to halt their worship service and close the church despite the fact that the congregation was in compliance with the 15% capacity limit, the government health

order that was in place at the time. {eo}

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