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Dear Members of the York Region Council,

By now you may be aware of our stance against what are unjustified, unfair, and unconstitutional measures being forced upon the citizens of Ontario by the provincial government in response to the Covid19 virus.

Before continuing it should be stated, that we have always complied with all covid19 health safety regulations for in store shopping, including mask exemptions set out by the region and the province.

You may know that, in December/Jan, we took a stand for small business in an act of civil disobedience to defy the "Re-opening of Ontario Act".

Ahead of opening the store, we sent a letter to our 3000+ local clients to communicate our position and our rationale.

We think it may be of interest to you that we share the unsolicited response to this letter by our customers. We offer this as a metric if you will, as to how your constituents think and feel about these measures. And we believe we do them a service by providing this information to you. All names have been greyed to respect anonymity

It should be noted that these responses are despite the constant contrary views offered by our politicians and mainstream media.

We received an overwhelmingly positive response to our email.

Total number of emailed responses 40.

95% In Favour (38)

5% Opposed (2)

This is interesting information is it not? We know you are in a difficult situation however at some point you must find ways to stand up to the province and challenge these oppressive measures or we will not have a region or community left worth fighting for.

Please see below for our letter and the responses.

Thank you
Barbara Bushe & Karthik Raj

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The Point
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December 2020 Newsletter

Holiday Hours

We are **open** for in-store shopping and we warmly invite you to drop by and visit us:

- Sat Dec 19, Tues Dec 22 & Wed Dec 23: 11AM to 5PM
- Thurs Dec 24: 11AM – 2PM
- Fri Dec 25 – Mon Jan 4: Closed
- Tues Jan 5 & Onwards:
Tues to Sat 11AM to 5PM



Store Update

Hello to all The Point of Light patrons, we sincerely hope that you are keeping well and are in good spirits, despite the mighty challenges 2020 has dished out to us all thus far!

We write to you to make an announcement about our offerings, policies and stance on the current climate.

Firstly, our hearts go out to those who have suffered directly or indirectly from Covid-19. We know of many stories on how this current situation has effected you and your loved ones on many levels. This is indeed a very stressful time.

Now 10 months into this situation, **having done many hours of research, we can safely conclude that the issues faced due to lockdowns & related Covid-19 measures have had a far greater damaging effect on humanity than the virus itself.** If this statement is surprising to you, we can provide our sources and we certainly encourage you to do your own research.

We also feel, that there is excessive fear & paranoia built up, via the mainstream media, our politicians & world bodies. It seems that we are caught, as a society in a vicious cycle of scaring ourselves to death. Unfortunately the un-ending focus on "cases" is completely misleading and generating the current situation. This intense climate of fear & divisiveness is never warranted – it is never 'the right thing' to propagate & live in a state of fear. **We are also very concerned by what we see as a steady erosion of our Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, as well as departures from our Ontario Human Rights Code.**

It is our observation that many Covid-19 policies are NOT backed up by science: Take for instance the policy to lockdown all small businesses while big box shops like Costco or Walmart are allowed to stay open. Logic would indicate that the probability of you exposing yourself to another person while shopping in a Costco or a Walmart is extraordinarily high as opposed to you shopping in your local small business. Is this policy, which funnels everyone into these few big box shops in favor of your health? Is this best for the community at large? Is this model sustainable & warranted given Covid-19's lethality or lack thereof?

Short answer: We think not.

We recognize that this may be a polarizing or unpopular opinion, however we feel it necessary let you know how we truly feel in our hearts and minds. You may disagree or choose not to shop here and that is completely fine. We warmly welcome 'civil and respectful' discussions, on these matters anytime. **Freedom of speech, compassion and tolerance are the virtues of a civilized society, something that we should all treasure and strive to create.**

To that effect, we will continue to work towards the welfare of our Point of Light community. We think that **YOU ARE ALL ESSENTIAL!** We know that this is more than "just a store", it is a special place of solace, healing and peace for many, especially during these times.

► **Our Policies:**

- We adhere to all Public Health Protocols of low capacity, hand sanitizing, increased sanitizing, physical distancing & others.
- We will continue, as we always have, to honour exemptions as per regional and provincial health directives and the Ontario Human Rights code. (York.ca and Ontario.ca).

If you've read this far, kudos to you faithful reader! 😊 We thank you for your patronage and support over the years. We look forward to many more together. We hope that everyone has a great holiday season and a good start into 2021! We look forward to serving you as always!

Love and Light!
Barb and Karthik

New Products - All Organic!



► **Our New Line of Products**

We would like to introduce to you our new & exciting line of **all natural & Organic food** products! We are now carrying:

- Organic Teas
- Organic Salt, herbs & spices
- Organic Beans & Lentils
- Organic Rice & Flours

Responses:

Re: We are ALL ESSENTIAL and OPEN for in-store shopping!

To: The Point of Light | Body, Mind, Spirit Store and Centre

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Sending you many blessings and kudos! I will visit you!
Thank you so much.

Reply Reply All Forward

Mon 2020-12-21 12:00 AM

[The Point of Light] Blessings

To: connect@thepointoflight.ca

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My prayers of support are on the way! Your courage and Light is a beacon for us all. I shall make a point of popping by in the New Year (early January) to express my support.
Happy Christmas,

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Thu 2020-12-24 10:24 AM

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To: The Point of Light | Body, Mind, Spirit Store and Centre

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Sun 2020-12-20 7:48 PM

Very disappointed you are anti-maskers.

It's truly a shame. I pray this Conjunction will open your eyes before one of you catches or dispenses this highly contagious virus.

May light and love bloom for you both.

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Sun 2020-12-20 2:02 PM

I love this so much! I will be there this week to support
Thank you for standing up!!!

Xo

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Sun 2020-12-20 12:05 PM

Hello!

I don't know if this mailbox receives replies but just wanted to say thank you for this email! It's great to see small businesses fighting back!

Much love and light to you all!
Have a wonderful holiday and stay safe!

RE: We are ALL ESSENTIAL and OPEN for in-store shopping!

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Sun 2020-12-20 9:14 AM

Very well written and I agree with you. Wishing you and your families, health, happiness and hopefully prosperity next year. Have a wonderful Christmas Season.

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Way to go!!! Agree wholeheartedly

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Sun 2020-12-20 8:10 AM

Hello!

I don't know if you read emails in reply to your newsletter. But I'll give it a try and send anyway. THANK YOU for such a refreshing stance on this current situation we are being forced to live in! I commend you for speaking your truth and presenting it such a concise and diplomatic manner. Aside from the majority of society being asleep and/or fearful to stand in their power and do some research, I find there is still more than a few people in the spiritual community who are either not doing the research and therefore unaware of what is going on or fearful if they speak up they will be shunned and lose business. If we want to call ourselves spiritual and awakened then we need to do the work necessary to hold space and help the "sleepy ones" when they finally see the truth of this crazy situation and more importantly stand in our power and not be afraid to make it known. You have done this so eloquently with this newsletter! So thank you once again!

In love and kindness

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To: The Point of Light | Body, Mind, Spirit Store and Centre

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Sun 2020-12-20 5:27 AM

Thank you so much for this summary. I love that your prose is very clear and I've sent this email out to people who will really appreciate your perspective as a spiritually based store. Thanks again.

Re: We are ALL ESSENTIAL and OPEN for in-store shopping!



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Sat 2020-12-19 11:17 PM

Well Said and Kudos to you for writing this! People are waking up and seeing the corruption and propaganda. Thank you for sharing this beautiful truth and wisdom in such an eloquently written way. May we all choose love over fear and trust divine light will shine and heal all of the corruption in our world.

Namaste



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Sat 2020-12-19 10:39 PM

Really disappointed in your decision to put people at risk. I understand why you feel the way you do but you're breaking the law and setting a poor example for others in the healing arts.

Short-sighted decisions like this are why we can't collectively get through this sooner. I wish you well and hope you reconsider prioritizing the safety of your customers, staff and community.

A former customer.

Re: We are ALL ESSENTIAL and OPEN for in-store shopping!



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Sat 2020-12-19 10:13 PM

I am SO happy to read this!

I have been to your store a few times when visiting friends in your area. We love it and have found something amazing each time!

We live in eastern Ontario or I would 100% be in to support you. I saw the signs someone had posted on IG with people out in front of the store. Gooooood for you all!

Take good care. Have a great holiday season and we will be in for sure next time we are in the area!!!

Please



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Sat 2020-12-19 9:21 PM

You both are a champion and a beacon of light! Keep up the brave and courageous work you do. You have my full support!

With love,



Re: We are ALL ESSENTIAL and OPEN for in-store shopping!



To: The Point of Light | Body, Mind, Spirit Store and Centre

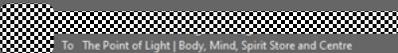
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Sat 2020-12-19 9:06 PM

Wow! I am very happy for your decision . I totally agree in every thing you wrote. You will see me more often. Thanks Merry Christmas !!

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Sat 2020-12-19 9:05 PM

Thank you for being brave enough to stay open! I hope you get tons of support from the community :)

Lots of love,



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Sat 2020-12-19 8:46 PM

Bravo

Re: We are ALL ESSENTIAL and OPEN for in-store shopping!


To: The Point of Light | Body, Mind, Spirit Store and Centre

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Sat 2020-12-19 8:24 PM

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You are amazing! I will plan to stop in next week. :)

Sincerely,


Re: We are ALL ESSENTIAL and OPEN for in-store shopping!


To: The Point of Light | Body, Mind, Spirit Store and Centre

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Sat 2020-12-19 8:23 PM

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First and foremost I applaud you for this email and speaking the truth  my daughter and I have the same discussion every night regarding this Covid and the lockdown and how it is affecting everyone mentally !! The fear that it is causing everyone to break down emotionally and physically

There is not enough evidence to support this vaccine that they would like everyone to have - first the government says it is not mandatory but yet if we don't have this we are not allowed into schools, work or other places!! our rights are taken away from us and it seems that this new world has just begun with the beginning of fear instilled in us all by dividing families being torn apart and how many people have suffered losing their businesses and any source of income

We all need to stand together and united as one and demanding our freedom of rights
God bless you all and stay safe and let's pray that we can all get through this together


Yes!!!!


To: The Point of Light | Body, Mind, Spirit Store and Centre

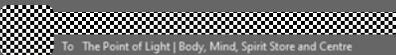
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AMEN!!!!!! So refreshing to read this and to know others are AWAKE to what is going on with this ridiculous narrative. See you soon!


Re: We are ALL ESSENTIAL and OPEN for in-store shopping!


To: The Point of Light | Body, Mind, Spirit Store and Centre

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Sat 2020-12-19 7:59 PM

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Thank You, Karthik Cheers !

Re: We are ALL ESSENTIAL and OPEN for in-store shopping!


To: Spirit Store and Centre

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Sat 2020-12-19 7:14 PM

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Hi Karthik,

I totally agree and support everything that you expressed in this email. I applaud you for speaking your truth.

With gratitude,


Re: We are ALL ESSENTIAL and OPEN for in-store shopping!


To: The Point of Light | Body, Mind, Spirit Store and Centre

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This is the most amazing email I've ever read. Keep fighting the good fight guys


Re: We are ALL ESSENTIAL and OPEN for in-store shopping!


To: The Point of Light | Body, Mind, Spirit Store and Centre

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Sat 2020-12-19 6:33 PM

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Way to go!!!!!! I'll come in tomorrow for some fun shopping.

Love,


Re: We are ALL ESSENTIAL and OPEN for in-store shopping!



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May the Divine protect and Bless you!
I agree with everything you have said.
I live in Markham so not that close to you but occasionally I come in to purchase some items but especially to feel the vibe of the store.
I want you to know you have all my support and I'm going to try and come in soon 



Re: We are ALL ESSENTIAL and OPEN for in-store shopping!



To: The Point of Light | Body, Mind, Spirit Store and Centre

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You are wise. I am not going out except for groceries, but I have been following the situation and the science, and your reasoning is sound. Thank you. You are a star in the night!



(no subject)



To: connect@thepointoflight.ca

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This is nice to see, I totally agree with you and more businesses need to open up with you.
Thank you for standing up for our freedoms and challenging these acts of control brought on by our governments.
See you soon in store.

Your Customer


Re: We are ALL ESSENTIAL and OPEN for in-store shopping!



To: The Point of Light | Body, Mind, Spirit Store and Centre

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I agree wholeheartedly!
I live north of Barrie now, but will try to come in next week to support you!
Thank you,


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Yes!!!!!!! Thank you for taking a public stand for sanity, truth and sovereignty!!!! May all beings wake up to what's actually going on, and rise up!!
I am so grateful to receive this email and will get down for a visit when I can- I live in Barrie. I wish you and your staff the most blessed of Christmases and holidays! May you be richly blessed now and in 2021.

Love to you,
 

RE: We are ALL ESSENTIAL and OPEN for in-store shopping!



To: The Point of Light | Body, Mind, Spirit Store and Centre

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Good Evening,
Excellent email and points, thank you for sharing. It's truly refreshing to see more people having their eyes opened to what is going on, rather than being voluntarily brainwashed into believing all these lockdowns and other measures work.
Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2021 – may personal freedoms return, government control efforts be thwarted, and may we all enjoy life to the fullest – as provided to us as a human right by the Universe.
Cheers.


Re: We are ALL ESSENTIAL and OPEN for in-store shopping!

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Extraordinarily well worded email. Will be forwarding this around.



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Beautifully expressed Barb and Karthik! So succinct and eloquent!
And brilliant.....to start selling food!
I will be by to buy some!



Re: We are ALL ESSENTIAL and OPEN for in-store shopping!

Reply Reply All Forward ... Sat 2020-12-19 4:51 PM

To The Point of Light | Body, Mind, Spirit Store and Centre
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Sorry, I don't agree with your opinion but you are entitled to it. What you are not entitled to is sending it to me or other customers unsolicited. I have asked to be removed from your mailing list.
I will not be shopping at your store again or attending workshops.
Please do not contact me again.



Re: We are ALL ESSENTIAL and OPEN for in-store shopping!

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To The Point of Light | Body, Mind, Spirit Store and Centre
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Thank you for taking this stand. See you in the new year and wishing you much joy now and the coming year

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I agree. The loss of choice is what I fear now. I stopped listening to the politicians, mainstream media & world governing bodies long ago or I should say, I heard but I'm not buying it.

Thank you for putting this out.



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THANK YOU!!!

Finally a voice of reason, I hope you don't get any backlash from this newsletter - I applaud you for having the courage to speak out!

Sincerely



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YES!!!!!! I couldn't agree more with your email!!!! So grateful for a store like yours xo

Re: We are ALL ESSENTIAL and OPEN for in-store shopping!

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To: The Point of Light | Body, Mind, Spirit Store and Centre

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That's awesome glad you're open! Everyone's is essential! Will be coming by to shop!

RE: We are ALL ESSENTIAL and OPEN for in-store shopping!

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To: The Point of Light | Body, Mind, Spirit Store and Centre

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Kudos to you and your well-written blurb on this over inflated social situation we find ourselves in. Thank you for posting something so public!

So glad also to see you are able to stay open,

Merry Christmas to you both

Re: We are ALL ESSENTIAL and OPEN for in-store shopping!

Reply Reply All Forward ... Thu 2020-12-24 10:36 AM

To: connect@thepointoflight.ca

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I stopped by yesterday but of course the bylaw officers decided to show up as well.
Was everything ok? Did they try to close you down?
My friends and I will be there next week to support again
Xo

Merry Christmas Eve

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I applaud you for standing in your truth!! Well done my friends :)

From: The Point of Light | Body, Mind, Spirit Store and Centre <connect@thepointoflight.ca>
Sent: Saturday, December 19, 2020 4:12:17 PM