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My ex won't let me see my children, saying that driving to pick them up is against the COVID-19 shut down rules. Is Premier Ford really not letting me see my kids right now?

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No, this is not the case and Premier Ford is blameless on this issue. There are many restrictions in place in Ontario during the COVID-19 shut down, but travel for the purpose of seeing your children is permitted; even Quebec during its curfew, provides for persons who are dropping children off to comply with a custody agreement or parental visitation.

Your ex is 'weaponizing' Covid-19, which is not a good thing for the children. Children have a right to enjoy maximum time with both parents. The Courts have historically encouraged parents during Covid -19 challenges to follow current custody and parenting time agreements while being flexible in finding solutions.

This may take the shape of fewer visits, but visits of a longer duration, or visits which occur outside, and other changes in arrangements.

One related point: some parents are being refused parenting time under the "one-household" rule, because they visited another family over the Christmas holidays. While it may be prudent to limit your social exposure for the time being to your ex's household, it is not reasonable to withhold access at this late date due to a contact for which the transmission time has elapsed.

Bottom line, if Covid-19 is being used to stop or limit your parenting time and your ex isn't listening, book an appointment with a Family lawyer before this becomes the new status quo.

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