



Memorandum # 11

To: Petawawa Civic Centre Clients.

From: Kelly Williams, Director of Community Services.

Date: Tuesday March 15, 2022.

Subject: **Lifting of Remaining Public Health Measures/Restrictions Effective March 21st 2022.**

On March 9th 2022, Dr. Kieran Moore, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, announced that a majority of the remaining public health measures affecting operations of the Petawawa Civic Centre will be removed by the Province of Ontario. This past March 1st, a number of restrictions including vaccine screening and capacity limits were lifted. On March 21st, the remaining restrictions including masking, COVID screening (symptoms and contacts) and the need for COVID safety plans will be lifted as well. The further lifting of COVID restrictions is part of the eventual expiration of the Reopening Ontario Act which is slated to expire on March 28th, 2022. An extension to the Act is expected for 30 days upon its expiry to address COVID safety in high-risk settings (long-term care homes, congregate settings etc.) across the province. This 30 days extension will expire on April 27th, 2022. The expiry of the Act is the first step towards living with and managing COVID-19 for all Ontario residents. Some important points moving forward include:

- While COVID-19 operational health measures/restrictions will be lifted in the Petawawa Civic Centre on March 21st, facility users are kindly asked to continue to adhere to precautionary protocols such as staying home when sick and self-monitoring for symptoms and masking if you have been exposed to a close contact.
- Should you be experiencing COVID symptoms or live with a person experiencing COVID symptoms and are unsure what to do, please visit the Ontario Ministry of Health website at [COVID-19 Integrated Testing & Case, Contact and Outbreak Management Interim Guidance: Omicron Surge \(gov.on.ca\)](https://www.ontario.ca/gov/COVID-19-Integrated-Testing-&-Case-Contact-and-Outbreak-Management-Interim-Guidance-Omicron-Surge) for isolation guidance.
- Hand sanitizer will still be made available at facility entrances for patron use. Patrons are encouraged to continue sanitizing their hands upon entering the facility. Additionally, patrons are asked to continue with disease spread precautions such as sneezing/coughing into your sleeve, avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth, frequent handwashing/disinfection and staying away from those that are sick.
- While masking will no longer be a requirement within the PCC facility, patrons who wish to wear a mask while in the facility and during participation in sports/programs/events are encouraged to do so. All PCC patrons are asked to be respectful, kind and courteous to those who have chosen to wear a mask.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact your Community Services representative.

Sincerely,

Kelly Williams

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