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Lambton County Workplaces and Municipalities:

Re: Ontario Public Health Guidance and Measures Update

Updated Case and Contact Management

Based on current updated guidance from the Ontario government, the following documents/website should be referred to for support in management of employees that are symptomatic, have tested positive or are a household member or close contact. Everyone is encouraged to complete this Self-Assessment if they have symptoms or have been exposed.

- What to Do if You Have Been Exposed to Covid-19 Province of Ontario
- COVID-19 Integrated Testing, Case and Contact and Outbreak Management Omicron Surge – Ministry of Health – Flowcharts are very helpful
- Note: Different guidance applies for Highest risk settings (see page 10/11 of previous guidance)

Testing to return to work should not be required as positive individuals may still test positive for up to 90 days. However, active screening must continue and if any new symptoms are experienced, they must follow the guidance outlined above, as if they are a new case.

The key point is that any employee that has symptoms should remain at home and isolate according to the guidance.

Note: As per the guidance referenced above, household members are required to isolate away from (where possible) but for the same isolation period of any symptomatic or positive household members, regardless of vaccination status. If another household member then becomes symptomatic during that isolation period, that individual will start their own isolation period that applies to them, from day of symptom onset. Members of the household that are not symptomatic, can come out of the initial isolation period as long as they continue to be symptom free.

Return to Modified Version of Step 2:

Effective January 5, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. Ontario Moves to Modified version of Step 2 of the Roadmap to Reopen for at least 21 days (until January 26, 2022), subject to trends in public health and health system indicators.



For **updated required measures for specific sectors**, please review these in the Modified Stage 2 Reopening Ontario Act.

Employer-Led Vaccination Clinics:

To increase the province's booster vaccination capacity, business groups and large corporate employers may open workplace and community clinics to vaccinate:

- employees aged 18 and older, their families and retirees
- members of local and neighbouring communities

Find more information about the criteria required to host an employer-led vaccine clinic HERE or copy and paste this link:

https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-help-businesses-ontario#setting-up-an-employer-led-vaccine-clinic

Please connect with Lambton Public Health if you have workplace questions by emailing us or calling the Covid information line at 519-383-8331 ext. 3682.

Sincerely,

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