

Lambton Public Health

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Lambton County Businesses and Organizations,

Re: Further easing of public health measures

The Ontario government <u>announced today</u> the gradual easing of public health measures will occur sooner with the next phase beginning February 17, 2022 at 12:01 a.m.

Ontario will further ease public health measures, including, but not limited to:

- Increasing social gathering limits to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors
- Increasing organized public event limits to 50 people indoors, with no limit outdoors
- Removing capacity limits in the following indoor public settings where proof of vaccination is required, including but not limited to:
 - Restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments without dance facilities
 - Non-spectator areas of sports and recreational fitness facilities, including gyms
 - Cinemas
 - Meeting and event spaces, including conference centres or convention centres
 - Casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establishments
 - Indoor areas of settings that choose to opt-in to proof of vaccination requirements.
- Allowing 50 per cent of the usual seating capacity at sports arenas
- Allowing 50 percent of the usual seating capacity for concert venues and theatres
- Increasing indoor capacity limits to 25 per cent in the remaining higher-risk settings where proof of vaccination is required, including nightclubs, restaurants where there is dancing, as well as bathhouses and sex clubs
- Increasing capacity limits for indoor weddings, funerals or religious services, rites, or ceremonies to the number of people who can maintain two metres physical distance. Capacity limits are removed if the location opts-in to use proof of vaccination or if the service, rite, or ceremony is occurring outdoors.

Capacity limits in other indoor public settings, such as grocery stores, pharmacies, retail and shopping malls, will be maintained at, or increased to, the number of people who can maintain two metres physical distance.

Continue to monitor Ontario's Plan to Safely Reopen web page for further updates.



Effective March 1, 2022, if public health and health system indicators continue to improve, the Ontario government intends on lifting capacity limits in all remaining indoor public settings and lifting of proof of vaccination requirements for all settings. Businesses and other settings may choose to continue to require proof of vaccination. Masking requirements will remain in place at this time, with a specific timeline to lift this measure to be communicated at a later date. To manage COVID-19 over the long-term, public health units can deploy local and regional responses based on local context and conditions.

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,

Workplace and Municipal COVID-19 Liaison Team

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