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Lambton County Workplaces, Businesses, Organizations and Municipalities:

Re: Living with and Managing COVID-19

Continued improvements in key indicators allowed the Province to ease public health measures on March 1st; sooner than originally planned. As you'll already know, the majority of COVID-19 related public health and workplace safety measures were lifted which included the following:

- All settings may open at full (100%) capacity
- No limits or outdoor social gatherings and organized public events or religious services, rites, or ceremonies.
- Proof of vaccination, capacity limit, and physical distancing requirements lifted in all settings
- Sector-specific restrictions such as limits on dancing or singing, requirements to remain seated, requirements for appointments/ reservations, and active screening, etc. lifted.

The following outlines how Ontario intends to lift the remaining public health and workplace safety measures (Reference: Living with and Managing Covid-19 website).

March 21:

- Remove masking requirements in most places (including schools), except public transit, longterm care, retirement homes and other health-care settings, shelters, jails and congregate care and living settings, including homes for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- All other regulatory requirements for businesses will be removed, including passive screening, safety plans. Until then, use these updated <u>Passive Screening</u> Signage questions.

March 28:

• Reopening Ontario Act expires

April 27:

- All remaining measures, directives and orders end
- Remove masking requirements in all remaining settings
- Any remaining emergency orders under ROA expire
- Revoke Directives 1, 2.1, 3, 4 and 5 (applies to healthcare and other health-related sectors)

Moving Forward:

- Continue to manage cases and contacts with the updated <u>Case and Contact Management</u> <u>Guidance</u>
- Province to continue providing rapid-antigen tests to eligible workplaces through the <u>Provincial</u> <u>Antigen Screening Program</u>.
- Organizations can retain their own policies (i.e. proof of vaccination, mandatory masking)
- Individuals can continue to opt to wear masks

Sincerely,

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