

LETTER OF INSTRUCTION

Hastings Prince Edward Public Health

Made pursuant to Section 2 of
Schedule 1 of Ontario Regulation 364/20:
Rules for Areas at Step 3 and at the Roadmap Exit Step

DATE: December 15, 2021

TO: Persons Responsible for a business or organization that is permitted to open under Step 3 of O. Regulation 364/20 in the Counties of Hastings and Prince Edward (hereinafter referred to as the “Persons Responsible for a business or organization”)

Following consultation with the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, these instructions are being provided pursuant to Section 2 of Schedule 1 of Ontario Regulation 364/20: Rules for Areas at Step 3 and at the Roadmap Exit Step made under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*, S.O. 2020, c. 17 (the “*Reopening Ontario Act*”), formerly a regulation made under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* and now a continued section 7.0.2 order under the *Reopening Ontario Act*. These instructions apply in addition to the requirements set out in the *Reopening Ontario Act* and Regulation 364/20 and any successor legislation and regulations.

Whereas, activities related to social gathering indoors have the potential to increase risk factors for COVID-19 transmission, including close contact, closed spaces, and crowded places. And,

Whereas, outbreaks of COVID-19 have been associated with facilities where patrons are typically mobile when eating and drinking, such as meeting and event spaces and nightclubs.

Thus the following additional measures are designed to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission associated with indoor services and/or social interactions in businesses and organizations.

Effective **12:01 a.m. on December 17, 2021**, and until further notice unless otherwise specified, I, Dr. Ethan Toumishey, Acting Medical Officer of Health for Hastings Prince Edward Public Health, instruct the Persons Responsible for a business or organization to:

1. Require patrons wear a mask or face covering at all times, except to consume food or drink, and as outlined in subsection 2(4) of Schedule 1 in O. Regulation 364/20.
2. Require patrons to be seated at all times when consuming food or drink.

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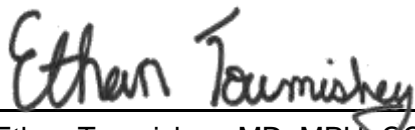
3. Provide patron contact information collected pursuant to O. Regulation 364/20 to Hastings Prince Edward Public Health no later than 12 hours upon request, for the purposes of COVID-19 case and contact tracing.
4. Provide staff, volunteer and third party contractor attendance records to Hastings Prince Edward Public Health no later than 12 hours upon request, for the purposes of COVID-19 case and contact tracing.
5. Continue to comply with all other public health measures related to screening, physical distancing, use of personal protective equipment, and maintaining contact information of every member of the public who enters the facility, as outlined in O. Regulation 364/20.

ENFORCEMENT

You are required to comply with the additional measures set out in this letter of instruction pursuant to O. Regulation 364/20. As per the *Reopening Ontario Act*, individuals who do not comply with the above-noted measures may be liable for:

- a. a fine up to a maximum of \$100,000 and for a term of imprisonment of not more than one year;
- b. directors or officers of a corporation who do not comply with the above-noted measures may be liable for a fine up to a maximum of \$500,000 and for a term of imprisonment of not more than one year; and
- c. in the case of the corporation, a fine up to a maximum of \$10,000,000.

Inquiries regarding these instructions shall be directed to Hastings Prince Edward Public Health at 613-966-5500 ext. 677 or info@hpeph.ca.



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