January 3, 2022

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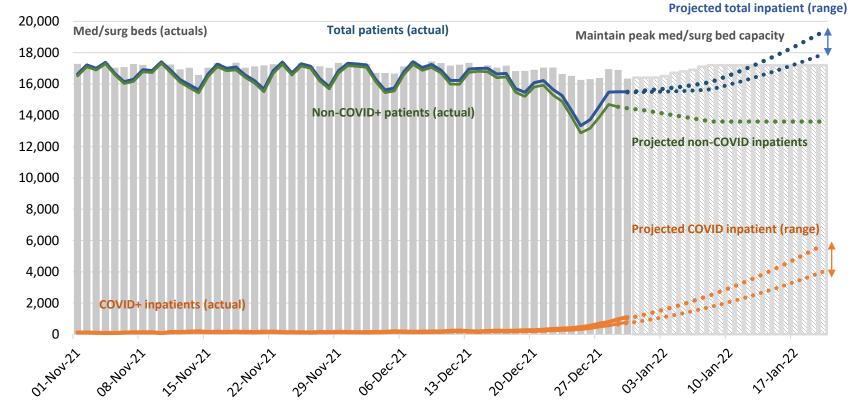
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Even with a lower hospitalization rate of Omicron compared with Delta is it expected the higher number of cases will result in more short-term hospital admissions and overtake hospital capacity.

Conservative projections based on current growth in COVID-19 hospitalizations shows acute care capacity overwhelmed in January even with an application of measures. This shortage could be compounded by increased absenteeism of health human resources.

Projected COVID and non-COVID acute med/surg inpatients vs. med/surg bed capacity

Non-COVID patient census ramps down to a Wave 3 post-Directive 2 level



- Projected COVID-19-related admissions are expected to result in capacity being overwhelmed.
- Modelling shows this may be blunted with the application additional public health measures like those in the third wave of the pandemic.



CONTEXT | Modified Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen

Timing

• The measures will come into effect at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

Duration

• The public health and workplace safety measures are proposed to be implemented for 21 days (until January 26, 2022), subject to trends in public health and health system indicators.

The following slides provide an overview of the public health and workplace safety measures in modified Step 2.



The following are some requirements that apply to individuals.

Individual Requirements	Individual Requirements	
Face coverings or masks	 Required when: Indoors in a business or organization Attending an indoor or outdoor organized public event and are within two metres of another person who is not a part of the same household The face covering or mask must cover the mouth, nose and chin Limited exceptions apply 	
Physical distancing	 Required when: Indoors at a business or facility that is open to the public Attending an indoor organized public event Limited exceptions apply, including for members of the same household and caregivers, or when necessary to be closer to complete a transaction or receive a service, if a face covering or mask is worn 	



The following are some of the requirements that apply to all businesses that are open.

General Compliance Re	quirements
Instructions from Public Health Officers	 Businesses and organizations must comply with the advice, recommendations and instructions of public health officials, including related to physical distancing, cleaning or disinfecting and screening Businesses and organizations must comply with the advice, recommendations and instructions of public health officials related to COVID-19 vaccination policies
Screening	 Active screening of workers required Passive screening of patrons required (i.e., posting signs at all entrances in a conspicuous location that informs individuals on how to screen themselves for COVID-19 prior to entry) Active screening of patrons required in certain settings (see following slides)
Face coverings and masks	 Any person in an indoor area of a business or organization or a vehicle that is a part of the business or organization must wear a mask or face covering that covers their mouth, nose or chin, with limited exceptions Not required for workers who are in an area that is not accessible to the public and are able to maintain physical distancing of 2 metres
Requirements when workers eat or drink	Physical distancing or a barrier is required indoors when workers remove face coverings to eat or drink



The following are some of the requirements that apply to all businesses that are open.

General Compliance Requir	General Compliance Requirements	
Remote work	Each person responsible for a business or organization that is open shall ensure that any person who performs work for the business or organization conducts their work remotely, unless the nature of their work requires them to be on-site at the workplace	
Capacity	 Limited to the lesser of 50% capacity or the number of people that can maintain physical distancing of 2 metres indoors Other capacity limits apply for certain businesses (see following slides) 	
Line-ups and congregations outdoors	Patrons outside the establishment must be managed to ensure they maintain a physical distance of 2 metres	
Line-ups indoors	Patrons in line ups inside the establishment must be managed to ensure they maintain a physical distance of 2 metres and wear a face covering or mask	
Cleaning and disinfecting	Equipment, washrooms, locker rooms, change rooms, showers must be cleaned and disinfected	
Personal protective equipment	 Personal protective equipment for the eyes, nose and mouth is required for workers if they are required to come within 2 metres of a person who is not wearing a face covering or mask indoors and are not separated by a barrier 	



The following are some of the requirements that apply to all businesses that are open.

General Compliance Require	General Compliance Requirements	
Safety plans	 Safety plans must be prepared, posted in a conspicuous location, and made available upon request Some businesses, places and events have additional requirements that need to be included in their safety plan (see following slides) 	
Live entertainment	Performers must have 2 metres distance or barrier from the audience	
Roofs, canopies, tents, or awnings in outdoor spaces	If a roof, canopy, tent, awning or other element is used in an outdoor area, it must have at least two full sides, or one full side and the roof, open to the outdoors and unobstructed	
Sale, service and consumption of liquor	Liquor sold or served only from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; no consumption of liquor from 11 p.m. to 9 a.m. (Certain exceptions apply (e.g. grocery, convenience stores)	



Setting	General Summary of Measures
Organized public events	Outdoor: No limit
	Indoor: Maximum 5 people
	Limited exceptions apply (e.g. if gathering is members of a single household, one other person
	from another household who lives alone, caregivers
	An indoor and outdoor gathering or event cannot be combined to increase the number of people permitted
Social gatherings	Outdoor: Maximum 10 people
	Indoor: Maximum 5 people
	Limited exceptions apply (e.g. if gathering is members of a single household, one other person
	from another household who lives alone, caregivers, and gatherings in retirement homes)
Weddings, funerals and	Outdoor: Capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2 metres
religious services, rites and	Indoor: 50% capacity of the particular room
ceremonies (does not apply	An associated social gathering or reception is subject to the general restrictions in "Social
to receptions or associated	gatherings" (noted above)
social gatherings)	All persons attending the wedding, funeral, religious service, rite or ceremony must comply with
	public health guidance on physical distancing
	Gatherings in motor vehicles for religious service, rite or ceremony permitted with conditions
Bathhouses and sex clubs	• Closed



Setting	General Summary of Measures
Personal care services	 Open with 50% capacity; maximum capacity must be posted No services that requires the removal of a mask or face covering Appointments are required to enter the premises
	 Volume of music must be limited to permit a normal conversation Steam room, saunas and oxygen bars closed
	Businesses must record the name and contact information of every member of the public and actively screen individuals
	 People who provide personal care services in the business must wear appropriate personal protective equipment



Setting	General Summary of Measures
Meeting and event	Indoor closed with the following exceptions:
spaces	o Child care
	Social services
Includes outdoor	 Collective bargaining (10 people maximum)
wedding receptions	o Court services
at meeting and	 Government operations
event spaces	 Health sector operations and services, including immunization clinics
	 Mental health support services or addictions support services (10 people maximum)
	 Examinations for professions identified in subsection 2(2) of Schedule 8 in O. Reg 82/20 (50 students
	maximum)
	 Entering indoor area by appointment for a prospective rental
	Outdoor open; maximum capacity must be posted
	 Maximum 10 patrons per table, with limited exceptions (e.g. all members of the same household)
	Patrons must be seated at all times, with limited exceptions (e.g. washrooms)
	 Businesses must record the name and contact information of every member of the public and actively screen individuals
	No patron dancing or singing
	• Liquor sold or served only from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; no consumption of liquor from 11 p.m. to 9 a.m.
	Proof of vaccination requirements in effect in outdoor meeting and event spaces that have a usual capacity
	of 20,000 or more persons, with limited exceptions.



Setting	General Summary of Measures
Public libraries	50% capacity, with limited exceptions (e.g. child care, social services)
Conference centres and convention centres	Open if they comply with the conditions set out for meeting and event spaces
Outdoor concert venues, theatres and cinemas	 Indoor use not permitted, with limited exceptions (e.g., washrooms, purchase admission, retail or for health and safety) Capacity limited to 50% of the usual outdoor seating capacity for a seated concert, event, performance or movie; maximum capacity must be posted Spectators must be seated at all times while watching the concert, event, performance or film Reservations required to attend a seated concert, event, performance or movie Spectators must wear a mask, with limited exceptions, unless seated only with members of their household and two metres away from every other person. Must have a safety plan with additional requirements Proof of vaccination requirements in effect in outdoor concert venues, theatres and cinemas that have a usual capacity of 20,000 or more persons, with limited exceptions.
Outdoor drive-in and drive through events	 Patrons must remain in their vehicles, with limited exceptions (e.g., purchase admission, use of washrooms, health or safety) Vehicles must be positioned two metres apart



Setting	General Summary of Measures
Fairs, rural exhibitions and	Open outdoors only
festivals	 Capacity limited to 50% of the usual seating capacity for a seated event or activity; maximum capacity of the event or activity must be posted
	 Reservations required to attend a seated event or activity
	 Indoor access not permitted, with limited exceptions and conditions (e.g. washrooms, retail sales, purchase admission, health and safety)
	 Face coverings required on amusement rides, other than a water ride, with limited exceptions Must have a safety plan with additional requirements
	• Concerts, events, performances or movies must follow same requirements for concert venues, theatres and cinemas
Amusement parks and water	Open outdoors only; maximum capacity must be posted
parks	 Capacity limited to 50% of the usual seating capacity for a seated event or activity; maximum capacity for event or activity must be posted
	 Reservations required to attend a seated event or activity
	 Indoor access not permitted, with limited exceptions and conditions (e.g. washrooms, retail sales, purchase admission, health and safety)
	• Face coverings required on amusement rides, other than a water ride, with limited exceptions
	 Must have a safety plan with additional requirements
	 Concerts, events, performances or movies must follow requirements for concert venues, theatres and cinemas



Setting	General Summary of Measures
Teaching and instruction	Open outdoors only, with the exception of those primarily engaged in the provision of health and safety training (see below)
	 Every person must maintain physical distancing of 2 metres, with limited exceptions
	The number of students in an instructional space must be limited to the number that can maintain a physical distance of 2 metres
	 Business must record the name and contact information of every student who attends the in-person teaching and instruction and actively screen students
	 Anyone singing or playing a wind or brass instrument must maintain 3 metres physical distancing or have a barrier
Health and safety	Every person must maintain physical distancing of 2 metres, with limited exceptions
training	The number of students in an instructional space must be limited to the number that can maintain a
	physical distance of 2 metres and in any event must not exceed 50% capacity
	Business must record the name and contact information of every student who attends the in-person teaching and instruction and actively screen students
Tour and guide	Open outdoors only
services	 The number of patrons on a tour must be limited to the number that can maintain a physical distance of 2 metres; every person must maintain physical distancing of 2 metres, with limited exceptions
	 Persons on the tour must remain outdoors at all time with limited exceptions (e.g. washrooms, retail sales, purchase admission, health and safety)
	Businesses must record the name and contact information of every member of the public and actively screen individuals
	No tours in motor vehicles that are designed to be closed to the elements



Setting	General Summary of Measures
Boat tours	Open outdoors only
	50% capacity; maximum capacity must be posted
	Reservations required
	Businesses must record the name and contact information of every member of the public and actively
	screen individuals
	• Indoors not permitted, with limited exceptions (e.g., washrooms, retail, purchase admission or for health
	and safety)
	Limited to tours that embark and disembark within Ontario and are not otherwise prohibited to operate
Commercial film	• Open
and TV production	No studio audiences
	Additional restrictions, including operating in accordance with the guidance document titled "Film and"
	television industry health and safety during COVID-19"
Zoos, landmarks,	Indoor use not permitted, with limited exceptions (e.g., washrooms, retail, purchase admission or for
historic sites,	health and safety)
botanical gardens,	Outdoor open; maximum capacity must be posted
science centres,	Capacity limited to 50% for outdoor seated events or activities within the attraction; maximum capacity
museums, galleries,	of the event or activity must be posted
aquariums, and	Reservations required for outdoor seated events or activities
similar attractions	Face coverings required on amusement rides or tour vehicles, with limited exceptions
	Must have a safety plan with additional requirements
	Concerts, events, performances or movies must follow same requirements for concert venues, theatres
	and cinemas



Setting	General Summary of Measures
Indoor concert venues, theatres and cinemas	 Open for rehearsing or performing a recorded or broadcasted performance only No spectators permitted Physical distancing of two metres required except if it is necessary for the purposes of the performance or rehearsal for performers or workers to be closer to each other Businesses must record the name and contact information of every performer and worker
Short-term rentals	 Open only if provided to individuals who are in need of housing (does not apply to hotels, motels, lodges, resorts, student residences and other shared rental accommodation, but does apply with respect to cabins and cottages) Indoor pools, communal steam rooms, saunas or indoor whirlpools, indoor fitness centres, or other indoor recreational facilities must be closed Rental of ice fishing huts permitted if only used by members of the same household and not used overnight or if the person is renting for the purpose of exercising an Aboriginal or treaty right



Setting	General Summary of Measures
Restaurants, bars, food trucks, concession stands and other food or drink establishments	 Open only for outdoor dining, take-out, drive through, and delivery Maximum capacity must be posted Maximum 10 patrons per table, with limited exceptions (e.g. all members of the same household) Dine-in patrons must be seated at all times, with limited exceptions (e.g. using the washroom, paying) Open only from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. (take-out, drive-through or delivery permitted at any time) Businesses must record the name and contact information of every dine-in patron and actively screen dine-in patrons, with limited exceptions (e.g. quick service restaurants) Outdoor dining area must have at least two full sides, or one full side and the roof, open to the outdoors and unobstructed No patron dancing or singing Liquor sold or served only from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; no consumption of liquor from 11 p.m. to 9 a.m.
Nightclubs, and other food or drink establishments with dance facilities	Permitted to open solely as food or drink establishments under the same conditions
Strip clubs	Permitted to open solely as food or drink establishments under the same conditions



Setting	General Summary of Measures
Indoor sports and recreational fitness facilities	 Open only for the following purposes: For the use of persons who are athletes, coaches or officials training or competing to be a part of Team Canada at the next summer or winter Olympic Games or Paralympic games, as specified in O. Reg 263/30, Section 19 (2) of Schedule 2. Child care, Mental health support services or addictions support services (10 people maximum), social services For persons with a disability, under certain conditions specified in O. Reg 263/20, Section 19(4) of Schedule 2 Select Ontario professional and elite-amateur sport leagues identified in O. Reg 263/20
	permitted if they comply with a return-to-play framework approved by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health



Setting		General Summary of Measures
Outdoor sports and recreational	•	Open
fitness facilities	•	Spectators limited to 50% capacity (or 50% of usual seating capacity)
	•	Spectators must wear a mask, with limited exceptions, unless seated only with members of
		their household and two metres away from every other person.
	•	Facilities and leagues must have a safety plan with additional requirements
	•	Business must record the name and contact information of every member of the public and actively screen individuals
	•	Proof of vaccination requirements in effect indoors for sport and recreational fitness facilities and also outdoor areas where spectators watch events that have a usual capacity of 20,000 or more persons, with limited exceptions.
Recreational amenities	•	Indoor closed
	•	Outdoor open:
		 Clubhouses open only for limited purposes, including access to a change room, shower
		room or washroom, equipment storage, or first aid
		Steam rooms and saunas closed



Setting	General Summary of Measures
Personal physical fitness and sports trainers Community centres and	 Open for outdoors only Must have a safety plan with additional requirements The personal trainer or sports trainer must record the name and contact information of every member of the public they provide services to and actively screen individuals 50% capacity, with limited exceptions (e.g. child care, social services)
multi-purpose facilities	 Any sports and recreational fitness activities must be in compliance with requirements for sports and recreational fitness facilities
Camps	Day camps and overnight camps for children closed
Horse racing tracks, car racing tracks and other similar venues	 Outdoor open Capacity limited to 50% of the usual seating capacity for a seated event or activity; maximum capacity must be posted Reservations required Indoor use not permitted, with limited exceptions and conditions (e.g. washrooms, purchase admission, to place a bet or pick up winnings, retail, health and safety) Spectators must wear a mask, with limited exceptions, unless seated only with members of their household and two metres away from every other person. Must have a safety plan with additional requirements Proof of vaccination requirements in effect in outdoor racing tracks that have a usual capacity of 20,000 or more persons, with limited exceptions



Setting	General Summary of Measures
Retail	 Open at 50% capacity; maximum capacity must be posted Volume of music must be limited to permit a normal conversation If the business permits members of the public to test drive any vehicles, boats or watercraft, test drives are limited to 10 minutes, only two people permitted, windows must be open if there are people not from the same household in the vehicle, members of the public must be actively screened, face coverings or masks required
Malls	 Open No loitering Seating in food courts and other interior dining areas closed Volume of music must be limited to permit a normal conversation The number of members of the public in the shopping mall at any one time must not exceed the total capacity determined by taking the sum of the capacities of every business in the mall. Individuals must be actively screened Requirements for lining up or congregating indoors and outdoors Specific requirements for test driving of vehicles in retail (including limits on numbers in vehicle, length of test drive to 10 mins.)
Photography studios and	• Open
services	 Indoor capacity limited to 50%; maximum capacity must be posted Patrons must be actively screened



Setting	General Summary of Measures
Real estate open houses	Showings by appointment only



Setting	General Summary of Measures
Campgrounds	 Open Indoor pools, communal steam rooms, saunas or indoor whirlpools, meeting rooms, indoor fitness centres or other indoor recreational facilities must be closed, with limited exceptions (e.g., use of washrooms, for first aid) Restaurants permitted to provide take-out, delivery and outdoor dining subject to the conditions for bars and restaurants (see "Restaurants and bars")
Hotels, motels, lodges,	Open, subject to requirements for short-term rentals
cabins, cottages,	Indoor pools, communal steam rooms, saunas or indoor whirlpools, indoor fitness centres, or other
resorts and other	indoor recreational facilities must be closed
shared rental	
accommodation	



Setting	General Summary of Measures
Marinas and boating clubs	 Open Clubhouses, indoor pools, communal steam rooms, saunas or indoor whirlpools, meeting rooms, indoor fitness centres or other indoor recreational facilities must be closed, with limited exceptions (e.g. washrooms, first aid) Restaurants permitted to provide take-out, delivery and outdoor dining subject to the conditions for bars and restaurants (see "Restaurants and bars")
Driving instruction	 Open if only providing instruction to drivers of commercial vehicles with the conditions specified in O. Reg 263/20, Section 18 of Schedule 2



Setting	General Summary of Measures
Casinos, bingo halls and	• Closed
gaming establishments	



Expanding Rebates for Property Tax and Energy Costs

- To support businesses that are most impacted by provincial public health measures, the government is expanding the new Ontario Business Costs Rebate Program (OBCRP).
- > The new OBCRP program will support eligible businesses that are required to close or reduce capacity due to recently announced public health measures.
- ➤ Eligible businesses will receive rebate payments for a portion of the property tax and energy costs they incur while subject to capacity limits. The rebate amount will be 50 per cent up to 100 per cent of these costs depending on the degree to which the business is subject to public heath restrictions.
 - Eligible businesses required to reduce capacity to 50 per cent, such as smaller retail stores, will receive a rebate payment equivalent to 50 per cent of their property tax and energy costs.
 - Eligible businesses required to close for indoor activities, such as restaurants and gyms, will receive a rebate payment equivalent to 100 per cent of their costs.

The Ontario Busines Costs Rebate Program was <u>announced</u> on December 22, 2021. Under the program, eligible businesses were to receive rebate payments equivalent to 50 per cent of the property tax and energy costs they incur while subject to the capacity limits at the time.



Overview of the Ontario Business Costs Rebate Program

Eligibility

> A full list of eligible business types will be made available in mid-January 2022.

Applications Process

- > Online applications for this program will open in mid-January 2022, with payments to eligible businesses provided retroactive to December 19, 2021.
- > Businesses will be required to submit documentation including property tax and energy bills as part of the application process.



Cash-flow Supports for Businesses Through Tax Deferrals

Six-month Interest- and Penalty-free Period

- Effective January 1, 2022, the province is also providing additional support to help improve cash flows for Ontario businesses by providing a six-month interest- and penalty-free period to make payments for most provincially administered taxes.
- This measure will provide up to \$7.5 billion in relief to help approximately 80,000 Ontario businesses. This will support businesses now, while capacity and operating restrictions are in place, and provide the flexibility Ontario businesses will need for long-term planning.

Businesses have the option to delay payments on the following provincial taxes

- Employer Health Tax
- Beer, Wine & Spirits Taxes
- Tobacco Tax
- Insurance Premium Tax
- Fuel Tax

- International Fuel Tax Agreement
- Gas Tax
- Retail Sales Tax on Insurance Contracts & Benefit Plans
- Mining Tax
- Race Tracks Tax

