



COMMUNIQUÉ

NEW Recommended Masking Measure

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The Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre Public Health Department and the Public Safety Commission wish to inform the community of newly updated Recommended Masking Measures for those who have been partially or fully vaccinated.

These new recommendations are meant as a guide, but it is up to the individual and his/her accepted level of risk. Those who are part of the vulnerable population, 70+ and/or immunocompromised, and those who are not vaccinated are always at a higher risk of serious illness due to COVID-19.

When you are fully vaccinated:

- No mask or physical distancing required when outdoors with a small group
- No mask or physical distancing required when outdoors with people from multiple households who are unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, or vaccination status unknown
- No mask required when indoors with a small group of fully vaccinated individuals
- Follow measures put in place by the owner or organizer of indoor gatherings of multiple households with people who are unvaccinated, fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated, or if their vaccination status is unknown. Keep windows and doors open if possible and consider wearing a mask if you are part of the vulnerable population
- It is recommended to wear a mask and follow all measures at indoor or outdoor gatherings where people may closely gather

When you are partially or not vaccinated:

- No mask or physical distancing required when outdoors with a small group, depending on your accepted level of risk
- It is recommended to wear a mask if physical distancing cannot be maintained, especially if you or others are part of the vulnerable population when outdoors with people from multiple households who are unvaccinated, partially vaccinated or vaccination status unknown
- It is recommended to wear a mask in indoor environments. Being physically close to fully vaccinated individuals is acceptable only if everyone is comfortable with that and nobody is part of the vulnerable population when indoors with a small group of fully vaccinated individuals
- Wear a mask and follow measures put in place by the owner or organizer of gatherings of multiple households with people who are unvaccinated, fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated, or if their vaccination status is unknown. Keep windows and doors open if possible, to reduce the risk of COVID-19
- Wear a mask, maintain social distancing whenever possible, follow all measures put in place by the owner or organizer of the indoor or outdoor gatherings where people are closely gathering (*Note: Consider only attending events where there are safety plans in place that follow local public health advice.*)

Important:

Masking measures are still mandatory in all public indoor spaces. Masking measures for business and workplaces may differ according to the Public Health Measures. Masking measure for Kahnawa:ke may differ from that of Quebec.

Always follow good health and hygiene practices and ensure to cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. It is also recommended to not be in close contact with others if you have any symptoms of COVID-19, even if vaccinated.

It is important to note that, even with the large percentage of the community as well as Quebec being vaccinated and returning to green zones, we are still in a pandemic. **We need to remain vigilant and continue to follow all health and safety measures in place to protect our community.**

For more information, [click here](#).

Suggested Media

Instructions:

Please run at your discretion.

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