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# COMMUNIQUÉ

## REMINDER - NEW Recommended Masking Measures

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The Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre Public Health Department and the Public Safety Commission wish to remind 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 in 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.

#### Important:

- Masking measures are still **mandatory in all public indoor spaces**
- Masking measures are **still mandatory for all local businesses and public buildings**, in common spaces (exception in meeting rooms or offices where spaced at a 2-meter distance between participants)
- Masking measures are mandatory when in public/community owned vehicles when occupied by two or more individuals
- Be aware that masking measures for Kahnawà:ke may differ from that of Quebec.

#### When you are fully vaccinated (in a private setting or outdoor public setting):

- 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
- 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. 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 (in a private setting or outdoor public setting):

- No mask or physical distancing required when outdoors with a small group, depending on your accepted level of risk
- It is recommended wearing 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 is 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, 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. Keep windows and doors open if possible, to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 (Note: Consider only attending events where there are safety plans in place that follow local public health advice.)

The Public Safety Commission and Public Health want to emphasize that although we are in a GREEN level alert, this does not mean the pandemic is over. We must remain vigilant and follow public health measures as a means to prevent any outbreaks and keep us on the right path forward.