



# Fast Facts

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## COVID-19: Recent Update

### Ontario Government Announces Masking Requirements Will be Lifted on March 21, 2022

On **March 9, 2022**, the Government of Ontario made an announcement regarding the easing of COVID-19 restrictions in Ontario.

**March 11, 2022** is designated as a National Day of Observance to commemorate those who lost their lives to COVID-19, as well as acknowledge the significant impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on all Canadians.

#### **Effective March 9, 2022:**

The Government of Ontario has updated their self-isolation requirements. [Click here](#) for a up-to-date flow chart.

#### **Effective March 14, 2022:**

Mandatory vaccination policies for employees in long-term care homes will no longer be required.

Workers who are unvaccinated and working in hospitals and any other high-risk healthcare settings will no longer be required to participate in a regular rapid testing program.

The following sectors will no longer be required to have vaccination policies that require unvaccinated workers to participate in an education course about vaccines and the benefit of vaccines; the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility.

**Effective March 21, 2022:**

Face covering/mask wearing requirements will be lifted. Masks will still be required in the following settings:

- public transit,
- long-term care and retirement homes,
- healthcare settings,
- congregate care settings,
- shelters, and
- jails.

Businesses will no longer be required to passively screen patrons or have a COVID-19 safety plan in place. Remaining measures in schools, which includes cohorting and on-site symptom screening, will be removed.

**Effective March 28, 2022:**

The Reopening Ontario Act will expire. The remaining orders that are associated with the Act will be extended for 30 days.

**Effective April 27, 2022:**

All remaining mask requirements will be removed. The remaining orders under the Reopening Ontario Act will expire. All remaining healthcare directives will be lifted, including the requirement for healthcare workers to wear a well-fitted N95 mask when interacting with any patients suspected of having COVID-19. The Ministry of Health will still be directing healthcare workers to wear personal protective equipment, which will likely still include N95 masks.

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EMPLOYEE ISSUES

## How to Have the Difficult Conversation With Someone About Their Mental Health

Maybe it starts by you noticing something about one of your team members that is not quite right. Maybe you notice they are acting or speaking differently, or not speaking at all. Maybe you notice that they have lost their energy and focus and aren't as outgoing as they normally are. Or maybe you notice a significant decline in the work they are doing, or that they aren't even at work lately. Any of these could be one of many signs or symptoms that your colleague may be experiencing a mental health issue...

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## Resources





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[Sector-specific Health & Safety Guidelines, Posters and Tip Sheets](#)



[Canada Recovery Hiring Program \(CRHP\)](#)

-  [Educating Employees on the COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
-  [COVID-19 Self-Assessment](#)
-  [When and How to Properly Wear a Mask](#)
-  [How to Properly Wash Your Hands](#)

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