

# COVID-19 Update

## Employee and Physician Information



**TO:** All staff, Eastern Health

**FROM:** Judy O'Keefe, Vice President

**DATE:** August 10, 2021

**RE:** Masking Requirements continue at all Eastern Health Facilities

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As many of you are aware, as of today, August 10, 2021, the special measures order for mandatory masks in indoor public spaces has been lifted. ([Provincial COVID-19 Update for Friday, August 6, 2021](#))

However, **masks will continue to be mandatory** in Eastern Health facilities as well as in congregate living facilities for seniors and within personal care homes and long-term care facilities.

That means that every Eastern Health employee, physician and volunteer is still required to wear a mask when they are working for Eastern Health. This includes staff doing home visits in the community, at community-leased sites and at vaccination clinics.

Masks may be removed in all health-care facilities during in-person meetings and training, and work social gatherings while individuals are seated, with a maximum of 25 people (dependent on room size) and ability to maintain a distance of six feet apart. More information can be found on the employee intranet at: <http://pulse.easternhealth.ca/Pages/ImageLoader.aspx?ResourceID=12904>.

I'd like to thank each of you for your diligence and commitment throughout the pandemic in supporting special orders around mask compliance. Today I ask that you stay the course. We know that wearing masks is one of the key strategies in preventing the spread of infection, which is especially critical now as the COVID-19 virus continues to circulate and evolve.

While outside Eastern Health facilities, individuals are encouraged to continue wearing masks as they feel comfortable or as required by the individual or business they may be visiting.

In addition, it is important to continue to follow public health guidance to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your communities, get tested if you develop COVID-19 symptoms and make sure you get your second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Thank you,  
Judy

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### **Eastern Health Supports**

Eastern Health have many psychological and health and safety supports such as EVA (the Employee Virtual Assistant), team check-ins, as well as Rapid Response Teams. Links to these supports and more can be found on the [Healthy Workplace section of the employee intranet](#).

If you experience a mental health crisis, call the Mental Health Crisis Line at 1-888-737-4668.

Get tested if you develop COVID-19 symptoms and contact Occupational Health (777-7777, pathways 3, then 2, or email [occhealth@easternhealth.ca](mailto:occhealth@easternhealth.ca))

For issues or concerns, or to report all potential communicable diseases please reach out to your program's Infection Control Practitioner or contact Occupational Health at: (709) 777-7777, pathways 3, then 2, or email [occhealth@easternhealth.ca](mailto:occhealth@easternhealth.ca)

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