

COVID-19 Update

Employee and Physician Information



Memo from COVID-19 Incident Commander

All Staff

September 3, 2021

Re: Eastern Health Masking Requirements

Masking continues to be mandatory within all Eastern Health facilities as well as outside of facilities while working for Eastern Health. In addition, as per provincial regulations, masking has continued to remain mandatory within congregate living facilities for seniors. Wearing masks is one of the key strategies in preventing the spread of infection, and is especially critical within health-care settings to protect patients, clients and residents as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves.

Vaccination status and mask compliance:

Regardless of vaccination status, **mask compliance continues to be mandatory for all Eastern Health employees, physicians and volunteers while working in an Eastern Health facility, or while working for the organization outside of an Eastern Health site/facility**, such as during home visits by staff in the community, at community-leased sites and at vaccination clinics. In addition, please keep in mind the following:

- Eat only in designated eating areas, e.g., break rooms, cafeterias.
- Drink only when you are alone and can properly remove your mask.
- Keep a distance of six feet between staff when eating/drinking and when unmasked.

Eastern Health would also like to take this opportunity to remind staff of the continued importance of completing the ongoing mask compliance audit and daily COVID-19 self-assessment.

Mask compliance audit: Staff should continue to conduct visual audits on mask compliance within Eastern Health facilities and to complete the online survey based upon what they have observed during their workday. Each area/unit is expected to complete a minimum of one audit per week. To view instructions and to complete the survey, please visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/maskcomplianceEH>.

Daily COVID-19 self-assessment: Staff and physicians are also reminded to complete the online staff self-screening tool via forms.healthenl.ca/selfassessment. **If staff members have any one symptom,**

they are advised to stay home and to notify Occupational Health. For any staff health-related questions regarding COVID-19, please call Occupational Health at 777-7777, pathway 3-2.

Thank you again for your ongoing commitment and dedication to providing safe and quality care to our patients, clients and residents throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Judy O’Keefe
Vice President

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