

**** Please note that this FAQ will be updated regularly to reflect the hospital's latest guidance based on current public health measures *****

1. What is the hospital masking policy?

- Masking will continue throughout the hospital and remains a key safety measure for our community.
- Client-facing staff will continue to wear level 3 masks.
- Non-client facing staff have a choice to wear either level 1 or 3 masks.
- Masks are available at the screening booths at the main entrance. We have ample supply of both.

Masking is required for those that are able to from the age of 2.5 years (30 months) and up. This has been lowered from age 6.

2. What is your screening process?

- Active staff, student and volunteer screening will be discontinued. You will no longer be required to screen at the door or pre-screen through HBCConnect. Staff, students and volunteers will now self-report symptoms and COVID exposures to occupational health. Please do not come to the hospital if you are sick.
- Client, family, vendor and contractor screening will continue as usual. This will be re-evaluated in August.
 - Active screening hours are as follows: weekdays 7am-9pm, Saturday 9am-6pm, Sunday, 9am-9pm. During off hours, those entering the hospital should follow signage to complete self-screening and contact HCN if assistance is needed.
 - Electronic self-screening is [available through this link](#) for all, including inpatient caregivers. This link is on the home page of [our website](#) for easy access under the section titled "Complete your online self-screening"

3. What are the isolation requirements if I've been exposed to Covid?

- We've updated our COVID-19 exposure and return-to-work workflow document, which describes what to expect under different COVID-19 exposure scenarios as well as what to do after traveling, on [HBCConnect](#). Our [travel guidelines](#) are up-to-date and provide more information about PCR test kits. Please refer to both of these documents, and reach out to covid19@hollandbloorview.ca if you have additional questions.

4. Are there capacity limits for meetings?



- Capacity limits for large events will increase from 50 to 100. Note that only the Coriat Atrium and cafeteria can host this many people.
- Meeting room limits will no longer be in place except those related to fire code adherence. Staff will be able to view these limits when booking through Meditech. Please do not eat or drink (except for a sip of water, tea, coffee, etc.) in meetings.
- Capacity limit in all elevators, as announced previously, has moved from six to eight.

5. What is our hospital vaccination policy?

All staff must be fully vaccinated prior to entering the hospital. Please visit our [COVID-19 vaccination policy](#) document for more details.

6. Do we need to physical distance?

- Physical distancing of two meters will only be required when masks are removed while consuming food in the cafeteria and breakrooms.
- Physical distancing between cohorts in camps will continue to be encouraged as much as possible.

7. Are there international travel restrictions?

- Notify your manager as soon as possible regarding your international travel plans to ensure that you have a plan in place should you need additional time off (i.e. you are required to quarantine, awaiting arrival COVID-19 test results or have a positive test results). If staff test positive for COVID-19 or develop symptoms, they are required to provide the result to Occupational Health and call the AWAY line (x3020).
- You should familiarize yourself with the requirements for both entry into the country you are traveling to and for re-entry into Canada to prevent unnecessary delays in return to work. This can be found at <https://travel.gc.ca/>.

8. Can I travel out of country for work?

Yes, staff may travel outside of the country for work but must follow the international travel policy noted above. Please notify your manager as soon as possible regarding your international travel plans.

9. I've had COVID-19 and have been re-exposed to COVID-19 within 90 days. What do I do?

Staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the previous 90 days AND have been newly exposed to COVID-19:

- You are NOT required to self-isolate; instead you will be asked to self-monitor for 10 days post exposure. Please note:



- If in the 10 days of self-monitoring you become symptomatic, you are required to self-isolate and get a rapid antigen or PCR.
- If negative, you may return to work 24 hours after symptoms have resolved.
- Public Health confirms that this is the case even if you are not able to mask.

