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Lambton County Businesses:

Re: Province enters Step 3 of Roadmap to Reopen

Based on the [recent announcement](#), the Ontario government will move the province into **Step Three** of its [Roadmap to Reopen](#) at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 16, 2021.

The following key highlights have been summarized from the **Provincial Regulations for Step 3: [Ontario Regulations 364/20: Step 3](#)** to support local businesses and organizations in ensuring all required measures are implemented. Lambton Public Health has not included any additional measures outside of what the Province has implemented. Our role is to support businesses in understanding and interpreting these regulations that apply to their specific situation.

Every business is responsible for ensuring they are following **all [general rules for Step 3](#)** in addition to **specific restrictions that are applicable to your sector** that can be found in the [Ontario Regulations 364/20: Schedule 2](#). Letters have been sent out to some specific sectors including Restaurants/Food establishments, Personal Service Settings, Sports and Fitness Facilities, Faith Groups and Casinos, Bingo and Gaming Establishments.

Key Highlights:

Updated Capacity limits

- There are increased capacity limits for different sectors. New instructions on how to calculate certain capacity percentages are provided in [Section 3 of Schedule 1](#).
- To determine capacity based on physical distancing requirement only:
 - A physical distance of two metres is equivalent to a minimum two metre radius per person (12.6 square meters/ 136 square feet per person). The area per person cannot be used on its own since other factors (layout, obstructions) need to be taken into account. Businesses and facilities should consider reducing maximum occupancy from this starting point to accommodate various types of floor layouts. For example, the starting point for a facility with 500 square meters of patron capacity would be to divide 500 square

metres by 12.6 square metres to calculate an approximate occupancy of 40 customers.

- Signage must be posted in a visible location indicating the capacity of your business.

Updated Safety Plan requirements ([Schedule 1: Section 3.3](#))

- All businesses and organizations are required to develop a [safety plan](#).
- The safety plan shall describe how the requirements of the regulations will be implemented in the location including screening, physical distancing, masks or face coverings, cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces and objects, the wearing of personal protective equipment and preventing and controlling crowding.
- For a business, place or event referenced to in [sections 1, 2, 9, 16, 22 to 28, 32 or 33 of Schedule 2](#), the safety plan shall also include information as to how the business, place or event will,
 - prevent gatherings and crowds in the business or place or at the event;
 - ensure that line ups are managed, and
 - manage the risk of any interactive activities, exhibits or games that may be included in the business or place or at the event.

Meeting or event space, conference centres, convention centres:

- May rent out indoor or outdoor meeting or event space if the business or place complies with the conditions outlined in [Schedule 1 Section 4](#) .

Concerts/Events/Performance or Movies:

- If a concert, event, performance or movie is held at an establishment, the conditions in [Section 22 of Schedule 2](#) apply.
- **NOTE:** the maximum capacity permitted under a specific sector may not be added to the maximum capacity permitted under this section 22 so as to increase the capacity permitted.

Continued Measures:

Line-up Management:

Outdoors:

- Patrons must not be permitted to line up or congregate outside of the business or place, or at an outdoor attraction or feature within the business or place, **unless** they are maintaining a physical distance of at least two metres from other groups of persons.

Indoors:

- Patrons must not be permitted to line up inside an indoor part of the business or place **unless** they are

- maintaining a physical distance of at least two metres from other groups of persons; **and**
- wearing a mask or face covering in a manner that covers their mouth, nose and chin, unless they are entitled to any of the exceptions set out in [subsection 2 \(4 \) of Schedule 1](#) .

Contact Tracing:

- Many businesses and organizations are still required to record the name and contact information of **every patron** that enters an area of the establishment with some exceptions.

Active Screening:

- Many businesses are still required to [actively screen patrons](#) before they enter the premises of the establishment. Use the [Provincial Customer Screening Tool](#) to conduct this screening process online, if desired.
- All other businesses are required to continue with [Passive screening of customers](#) by posting signage with questions.
- [Screening of all workers](#) is to continue, **even if they are vaccinated**.

Masks/Face Coverings:

- Every person on the premises of a business or organization that is open shall wear a mask or face covering in a manner that covers their mouth, nose and chin during any period in which they are in an indoor area of the premises unless exempted. See [Schedule 1 Section 3](#) for specifics.
- This requirement continues to apply to individuals who are fully vaccinated.

Lunch/Break Room:

- Ensure that every person who performs work for the business or organization and whose mask or face covering is temporarily removed to consume food or drink is separated from every other person by,
 - a distance of at least two metres; or
 - plexiglass or some other impermeable barrier.

Cleaning and Disinfecting:

- Any washrooms, locker rooms, change rooms, showers or similar amenities made available to the public are [cleaned and disinfected](#) as frequently as is necessary to maintain a sanitary condition; and
- Any equipment that is rented to, provided to or provided for the use of members of the public must be cleaned and disinfected as frequently as is necessary to maintain a sanitary condition. This applies to computers, electronics and other machines or devices that members of the public are permitted to operate.

In addition, you are encouraged to review our [Lambton Public Health Workplaces and Municipalities webpages](#) for [Workplace Sector-specific Guidance](#) and [COVID-19 Resources](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

For COVID-19 information visit <https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/>

Sincerely,

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