



Dear Employees, Clients, Partners, and Suppliers:

Due to the sharp increase in Covid cases over the last few months, the Ontario government made the decision that as of January 5, 2022 that Ontario would re-enter a modified version of Step 2 of the Roadmap to Reopen. [The following is documentation outlining the details of the modified version of Step 2.](#)

**All Construction activities currently remain open.**

Personal safety continues to be our number one priority, by our own admission and as outlined by the government of Ontario.

**New Guidelines for Exposure to Covid-19**

Ontario updated testing and isolation guidelines on December 30, 2021. Members of the public with mild symptoms are asked not to seek testing. Most individuals with a positive result from a rapid antigen test will no longer be required or encouraged to get a confirmatory PCR or rapid molecular test. For clarity on the complete guidelines published by Ontario.ca for knowing when to isolate and when you are safe to return, please visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/exposed>

In General:

- If you or someone in the home has COVID-19 symptoms but no known exposure to COVID-19:
- If you are fully vaccinated, stay home for five (5) days any until your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours.
- If you are partially vaccinated, unvaccinated, or immunocompromised, stay home for ten (10) days. The ten (10) days start from the date symptoms began.
- In both cases, all of your household members (regardless of vaccination status) will need to stay home for the duration of this isolation period.
- If you tested positive for COVID-19 (confirmed by a PCR or rapid antigen test):
- If you are fully vaccinated stay home for five (5) days. The five (5) days start from the date you tested positive if you have no symptoms, or from when your symptoms began (whichever is sooner).
- If you are partially vaccinated, unvaccinated, or immunocompromised stay home for ten (10) days. The ten (10) days start from the date you tested positive if you have no symptoms, or from when your symptoms began (whichever is sooner).
- In both cases, all of your household members (regardless of vaccination status) will need to stay home for the duration of this isolation period.

**Businesses of any size can find out how to access rapid antigen tests through the Provincial Antigen Screening Program by visiting [ontario.ca/testingonsite](https://ontario.ca/testingonsite).**

As the results of positive PCR tests are already reported to local public health units (PHUs) through the provincial lab network, the Ministry of Health is updating program requirements so organizations providing rapid antigen screening will no longer have to report preliminary positive results to PHUs, nor will they be required to report results of confirmatory lab-based PCR tests to the province.

**COVID-19 Construction Health and Safety**

The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development, in co-operation with the OGCA, has established [Construction site health and safety during COVID-19](#) To help employers the Ministry has made a tip sheet to ensure everyone is kept safe.

The government has made screening mandatory as per Ontario Regulation 364/20 and provided a new [COVID-19 Screening Tool For Workplaces](#) to help employers keep workplaces safe. The Ministry has also released a new page outlining what employers can do to help [control exposure to COVID-19 at meal and break periods](#). Under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, employers must take every reasonable precaution to protect workers' health and safety. This includes protecting workers from hazards posed by infectious diseases. Guidance has been provided on [using masks in the workplace](#), and the IHSA has provided information on [construction facility hygiene during COVID-19](#). The Ontario government has launched a series of zero-tolerance workplace safety inspections in sectors and regions hardest hit by COVID-19.

**COVID-19 INFORMATION**

- [Ontario Government COVID-19 Website](#)
- [City of Toronto: COVID-19 Statements](#)
- [Construction site health and safety during COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 Screening Tool For Workplaces](#)
- [CPO COVID-19 Rapid Testing Update May 12](#) (Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development)

Sincerely,

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## **Additional Covid-19 Resources**

### **Resources to prevent COVID-19 in the workplace:**

- guide to [developing your COVID-19 workplace safety plan](#)
- resources for the construction sector from the [Infrastructure Health and Safety Association \(IHSA\)](#)
- guidance on [using masks in the workplace](#)
- guidance on [self-isolation and return to work](#)
- resources from relevant industry associations and trade unions

### **General COVID-19 resources:**

- information on the [Ontario Government response to COVID-19](#)
- resources from [Public Health Ontario](#)
- COVID-19 information from the [Government of Canada](#)
- resources from international organizations, such as the [Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

### **Information on provincial COVID-19 public health and legal requirements:**

- [the COVID-19 response frame](#)
- [the Ontario government COVID-19 website](#)
- [find your local public health unit](#)

### **Supporting posters and worker guidance:**

- [posters from the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development](#)