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## JAN. 5th COVID UPDATE - The BCC will be closed until Jan.26th

### Ontario Temporarily Moving to Modified Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen

In response to the recent provincial actions the BCC will be closed to the public, with the possible exception of curbside pickup, through to the mandated review date of **Wednesday, January 26th**. Please submit any enquiries to the general info ID [buckhorncommunitycentre@gmail.com](mailto:buckhorncommunitycentre@gmail.com) or leave a message at 705-657-8833 and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Further updates will follow as appropriate and will be posted on the BCC Website:

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>> The Following is excerpted from the provincial update originally published by the [Queens Printer For Ontario](#). Monday January 3rd.

TORONTO — In response to recent trends that show an alarming increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations, **the Ontario government**, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, **is temporarily moving the province into Step Two** of its Roadmap to Reopen **with modifications** that take into account the province's successful vaccination efforts. These time-limited measures will help blunt transmission and prevent hospitals from becoming overwhelmed as the province continues to accelerate its booster dose rollout.....

Unlike other variants throughout the pandemic, evolving data is showing that **while the Omicron variant is less severe**, its high transmissibility has **resulted in a larger number of hospital admissions relative to ICU admissions. Staff absenteeism is also expected to rise and affect operations in workplaces across Ontario** due to Omicron infection and exposure, including in hospitals and schools. Real-world experience and evidence in Ontario reveal that approximately one per cent of Omicron cases require hospital care. The rapid rise of Omicron cases, which may soon number in the hundreds of thousands, could result in the province's hospital capacity becoming overwhelmed if further action isn't taken to curb transmission. When one in 100 cases goes to hospital, it means that with this rapid increase in transmission the number of new cases requiring hospitalization will also rapidly increase daily. For example, 50,000 cases per day would mean 500 hospital admissions per day, which is greater than the peak daily hospitalizations of 265 per day from last spring, when hospitals were under significant strain during the third wave of the pandemic.

***In response, the province will return to the modified version of Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen effective Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. for at least 21 days (until January 26, 2022), subject to trends in public health and health system indicators.***

***These measures include:***

- ***Reducing social gathering limits to five people indoors and 10 people outdoors.***
- ***Limiting capacity at organized public events to five people indoors.***
- ***Requiring businesses and organizations to ensure employees work remotely unless the nature of their work requires them to be on-site.***

- Limiting capacity at indoor weddings, funerals, and religious services, rites and ceremonies to 50 per cent capacity of the particular room. Outdoor services are limited to the number of people that can maintain 2 metres of physical distance. Social gatherings associated with these services must adhere to the social gathering limits.
- Retail settings, including shopping malls, permitted at 50 per cent capacity. For shopping malls physical distancing will be required in line-ups, loitering will not be permitted and food courts will be required to close.
- Personal care services permitted at 50 per cent capacity and other restrictions. Saunas, steam rooms, and oxygen bars closed.
- **Closing indoor meeting and event spaces with limited exceptions but permitting outdoor spaces to remain open with restrictions.**
- Public libraries limited to 50 per cent capacity.
- **Closing indoor dining at restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments. Outdoor dining with restrictions, takeout, drive through and delivery is permitted.**
- Restricting the sale of alcohol after 10 p.m. and the consumption of alcohol on-premise in businesses or settings after 11 p.m. with delivery and takeout, grocery/convenience stores and other liquor stores exempted.
- Closing indoor concert venues, theatres, cinemas, rehearsals and recorded performances permitted with restrictions.
- Closing museums, galleries, zoos, science centres, landmarks, historic sites, botanical gardens and similar attractions, amusement parks and waterparks, tour and guide services and fairs, rural exhibitions, and festivals. Outdoor establishments permitted to open with restrictions and with spectator occupancy, where applicable, limited to 50 per cent capacity.
- Closing indoor horse racing tracks, car racing tracks and other similar venues. Outdoor establishments permitted to open with restrictions and with spectator occupancy limited to 50 per cent capacity. Boat tours permitted at 50 per cent capacity.
- **Closing indoor sport and recreational fitness facilities including gyms**, except for athletes training for the Olympics and Paralympics and select professional and elite amateur sport leagues. Outdoor facilities are permitted to operate but with the number of spectators not to exceed 50 per cent occupancy and other requirements.
- All publicly funded and private schools will move to remote learning starting January 5 until at least January 17, subject to public health trends and operational considerations.
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Please view the regulation for the full list of mandatory public health and workplace safety measures.

Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. "It is difficult but necessary to apply additional public health and workplace safety measures to help stop the spread of the virus and protect our health system capacity. Please follow all public measures and get vaccinated with your first, second or booster dose if you have not done so already."

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