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**Cc:** Caroline Cox; Nicki Duke; Jocelyn Moreno; \_PHI  
**Subject:** Updates to Screening Requirements, Resources Regarding Screening and Roadmap Exit Step / Mises à jour des exigences de dépistage, des ressources concernant le dépistage et de l'étape postérieure du Plan d'action  
**Attachments:** 20220303 Passive Screening Required.pdf; 20220303 Passive Screening Required FR.pdf; Reopening - Roadmap Exit Step - Stakeholder Deck - March 1 2022 v3.pdf  
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*On behalf of Dr. Corneil, Acting Medical Officer of Health/CEO / De la part de D<sup>r</sup> Corneil, médecin hygiéniste par intérim/Directeur exécutif*

Good morning,

We wanted to let businesses know that the Government of Ontario has changed COVID-19 screening requirements. Active screening of workers and customers is no longer required. Passive screening is now the only requirement. This means that businesses must have a screening poster visible at all entrances.

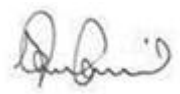
For more information and resources related to screening and the Roadmap Exit Step, please see attached.

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Bonjour,

Nous voulons informer les entreprises que le gouvernement de l'Ontario a modifié les exigences en matière de dépistage de la COVID-19. Le dépistage actif des travailleurs et des clients n'est plus nécessaire. Le dépistage passif est maintenant la seule exigence. Cela signifie que les entreprises doivent avoir une affiche visible à toutes les entrées.

Pour obtenir plus de renseignements et des ressources sur le dépistage et l'étape postérieure du Plan d'action, veuillez consulter la lettre ci-jointe (*anglais seulement*).



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March 3, 2022

Good day,

We wanted to let businesses know that the Government of Ontario has changed COVID-19 screening requirements. Active screening of workers and customers is no longer required. Passive screening is now the only requirement. This means that businesses must have a screening poster visible at all entrances. There are no changes to isolation instructions for people with symptoms, COVID-19 cases, and close contacts. Workers **must** stay home and self-isolate if they or someone they live with is ill.

The updated signage instructions from the Government of Ontario are available here: [EN FR](#)

THU's entrance screening poster has been updated and is available here: [EN FR](#).

We also wanted to share the slides, attached, from the Government of Ontario. These present the information related to the Roadmap Exit Step in a visual format. A reminder that the regulation is available [here](#).

Sincerely,

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Les instructions à l'exigence d'affiches, mises à jour du gouvernement de l'Ontario sont disponibles ici: [EN](#) [FR](#)

L'affiche de dépistage d'entrée des SST a été mise à jour et est disponible ici: [EN](#) [FR](#).

Nous voulons également partager la présentation, ci-jointe, du gouvernement de l'Ontario. Celle-ci présente les informations relatives à l'étape postérieure du Plan d'action dans un format visuel. Un rappel que le règlement est disponible [ici](#).

Sincèrement,

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# Summary of Public Health and Workplace Safety Measures as of March 1, 2022

March 1, 2022

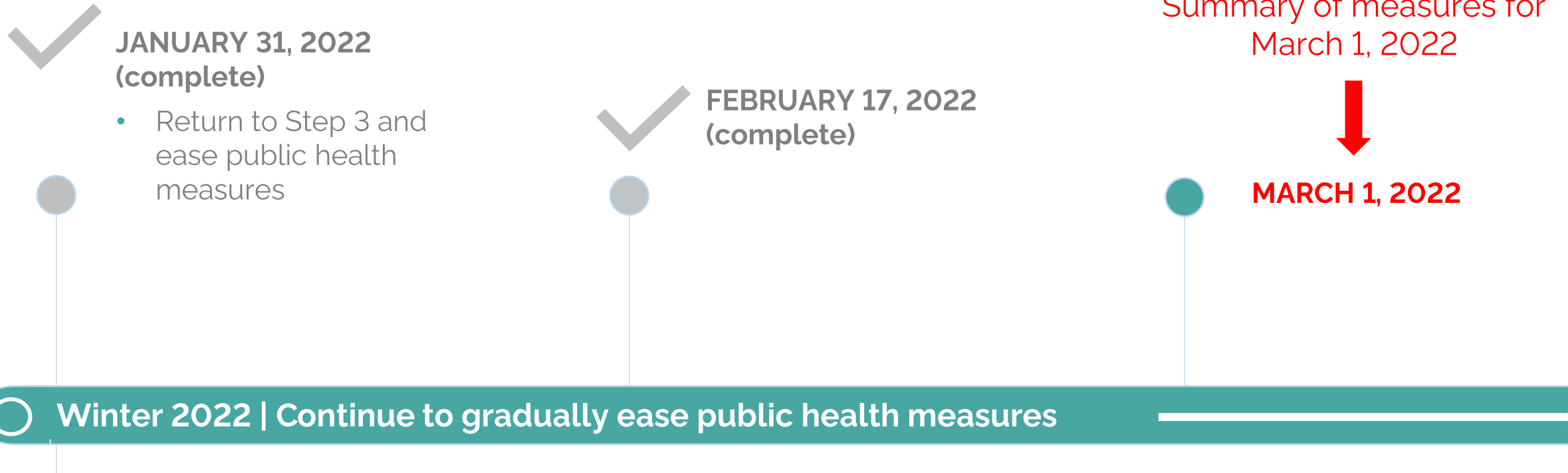
The information contained in this document is intended to communicate a summary of information about measures as of March 1, 2022. **Please refer to the measures in Schedules 4 and 5 of [O. Reg. 364/20 Rules for Areas in Step 3 and at the Roadmap Exit Step](#)** for the complete list of requirements and conditions that apply to certain businesses, organizations, places and individuals. The material is not legal advice and does not purport to be or to provide an interpretation of the law. In the event of any conflict or difference between this summary information and any applicable legislation or regulation, the legislation or regulation prevails.

# Context

- On January 20, 2022, the government released a gradual and incremental approach to lifting COVID-19 public health and workplace safety measures in alignment with its *Roadmap to Reopen* and *A Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19 for the Long-Term*.
- The first and second set of measures were lifted on January 31 and February 17, 2022.
- The following slides provide an overview of the limited public health and workplace safety measures that will be in effect as of **12:01 a.m. on March 1, 2022**.
- Moving forward, the lifting of all remaining public health and workplace safety measures (face covering/masking requirement) will be reconsidered on a regular basis, subject to key trends in public health and health system indicators.
- This **gradual and incremental** approach will continue to help protect people and ensure the province continues to cautiously lift public health and workplace safety measures safely.

# Timelines for Reopening

Subject to a risk assessment, including key indicators remaining stable or improving...



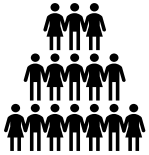
# Overview | March 1, 2022

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All settings may open at **full (100%) capacity**.



**Proof of vaccination, capacity limit, and physical distancing requirements lifted** in all settings.



**No limits** on indoor or outdoor **social gatherings** and **organized public events** or **religious services, rites, or ceremonies**.



Sector-specific restrictions such as **limits on dancing or singing, requirements to remain seated, requirements for appointments/reservations, and active screening, etc. lifted.**

# Summary of March 1 Measures

The following are some of the requirements that apply to all businesses and organizations that are open.

General Compliance Requirements	
<b>Applicable Laws under the <i>Occupational Health and Safety Act</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Businesses and organizations must comply with all applicable laws, including the <i>Occupational Health and Safety Act</i>.</li></ul>
<b>Instructions from Public Health Officials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A business or organization that is open must comply with any advice, recommendations, and instructions issued by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, including related to physical distancing, cleaning or disinfecting, COVID-19 vaccination policies, and passive screening of individuals.</li><li>A businesses or organization that is open must operate in compliance with any advice, recommendations and instructions issued by a local public health official under the Act <b>before February 25, 2022, other than advice, recommendations and instructions related to COVID-19 vaccination policies.</b></li><li>A business or organization may also be required to operate in compliance with any applicable local bylaws or orders that may operate outside of the Act.</li></ul>
<b>Passive Screening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Passive screening of individuals required by <a href="#">posting signs at all entrances in a conspicuous location that informs individuals on how to screen themselves for COVID-19 prior to entry.</a></li></ul>

Note: This chart includes a summary of measures. It is not intended to be an interpretation of the law. For the full measures, see the regulations. If there is any conflict with this chart and the regulations, the regulations prevail.



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<b>Face coverings and masks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Any person in an indoor area of a business or organization or a vehicle that is a part of the business or organization must wear a mask or face covering that covers their mouth, nose or chin, with limited exceptions.</li><li>• Not required for workers who are:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ In an area of the workplace that is closed off to the public and</li><li>◦ Can maintain physical distancing of 2 metres from every other person</li></ul></li><li>• Note: There is a complementary requirement for individuals to wear a face covering or mask when indoors in a business or organization that is open, with limited exceptions.</li></ul>
<b>Safety plans</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A safety plan shall describe how the requirements under the <i>Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020</i> will be implemented in the location including by screening and masks or face coverings.</li><li>• Safety plans must be prepared, posted in a conspicuous location, and made available upon request.</li></ul>

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Setting	General Summary of Measures
<b>Retail</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cannabis retail stores may open and provide products through in-person sales, curbside pick-up or delivery.</li></ul>
<b>Camps for children</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Day camps and overnight camps for children may open if operating in a manner consistent with safety guidelines from the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and in compliance with the regulations.</li></ul>
<b>Schools and Private Schools</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Schools and private schools must operate in accordance with return to school direction issued by the Ministry of Education and approved by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, with exemptions.</li></ul>
<b>Long-term Care Homes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Businesses and organizations must comply with directives, policies or guidance that apply to a long-term care home.</li></ul>

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# Proof of Vaccination

- Effective March 1, 2022, businesses and organizations will no longer be required to ask for and verify proof of vaccination from its patrons prior to entry under legislation.
- The government will continue to provide access to COVID-19 vaccination certificates with QR code to support **federal/international travel requirements and possible employer-led policies**.
- Businesses and organizations may choose to implement their own proof of vaccination policies after March 1, 2022 of their own volition, subject to applicable laws (e.g., Human Rights Code) and should obtain independent legal advice should they consider doing so.
- The Verify Ontario app does not collect or retain information and remains the most secure way to protect personal health information. Individual vaccine records are stored in the Ministry of Health's COVAXON data base.
- Information on the Verify Ontario app and definition of fully vaccinated will be available on the government website for those who are using or choose to use it.