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To: PEI Post-Secondary Education
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Subject: Public Health Measures for PEI Post-Secondary Education – Updated Winter 2022

The following is updated guidance for PEI post-secondary institutions regarding public health measures for the Winter 2022 term, in effect as of February 14, 2022, replacing the Chief Public Health Office (CPHO) memos dated January 12 and 28, 2022.

As COVID-19 infectious disease pressure begins to show signs of decreasing in PEI, a step-by-step plan to ease public health measures over the coming weeks has been released: *Moving On – Transition Plan to Living with COVID-19*, available at www.princeedwardisland.ca/MovingOn. This plan will guide the province in transitioning out of a public health state of emergency as we learn to live with COVID-19. In alignment with this plan the CPHO recognizes that in-person learning is important to support the mental health of students and also to support learning outcomes for students, recognizing that educational status is an important social determinant of health. As a result, the following direction for in-room learning is being provided.

- **Physical Distancing:** Unless permitted under the public health order, students, faculty, and staff are required to maintain physical distancing of two metres or more in all settings, except in learning settings as follows:
 - up to a maximum of 100 students while seated and masked during classroom learning or
 - for certain practical/hands-on learning, or
 - on-the-job training.

Physical distancing should be maximized in learning settings and all other measures outlined in this memo followed.

- **Screening and Testing:** Students, faculty, and staff should stay home and seek testing if feeling unwell or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, however mild. Testing may be accessed at a drop-in testing clinic and individuals should self-isolate until the results are back. Screening and exclusion should be in place for students, faculty, and staff who have already been directed to self-isolate. Test results (*positive and negative*) can be found here with most results appearing 4-12 hours from the point of testing: www.princeedwardisland.ca/testresults
 - Steps for individuals who test positive are outlined here:

- www.princeedwardisland.ca/testedpositive
 - Steps for individuals identified as close contacts are here:
www.princeedwardisland.ca/closecontact
- **Vaccination:** Students, faculty, and staff are recommended to be vaccinated with a complete series of Health Canada-approved COVID-19 vaccines including booster doses as recommended.
- **Masking:** Students, faculty, and staff are required to wear masks in all indoor public places including classrooms and lab settings, as well as workplaces where distancing cannot be maintained. Details on wearing masks can be found here:
www.princeedwardisland.ca/masks
 - In learning settings where distancing cannot be maintained, removal of masks for active eating and drinking should be minimized.
- **Personal Hygiene:** Signage for handwashing and respiratory etiquette (sneezing and coughing) should be clearly posted throughout facilities. Handwashing supplies and alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol should be readily available.
- **Cleaning and Disinfection:** Enhanced cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces should be maintained.
- **Gatherings and Events:** Current public health measures for organized gatherings and events can be found here: www.princeedwardisland.ca/tempmeasures. PEI's Moving On plan for easing public health measures can be found here, with Step 1 on Feb 17, 2022:
<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/MovingOn>
- **Operational Plans:** Operational plan continue to be a requirement for organizations open to the public and should continue to be updated.

Thank you for your continued support of PEI's COVID-19 response.

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