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Today, Premier Dennis King and our Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Heather Morrison, announced 29 new cases of COVID-19 for 112 active cases in Prince Edward Island, as well as the implementation of additional measures to supplement the [temporary public health measures](#) announced last week. This is not the situation we want to be in, but we must take every possible precaution and continue to adhere to all public health measures to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and keep our families and Islanders as safe and healthy as possible.

It's extremely important we reduce in-person interactions. Do not attend or host large holiday parties or workplace gatherings. Keep your circle of contacts small and when getting together with family and friends, adhere to public health measures at all times and personal gathering limits of 10 consistent people plus household members. Outdoor activities present less risk than indoor gatherings. People must do their own individual risk assessment to partake in activities.

The following additional measures come into effect tomorrow morning, December 22, at 8 am

- Upon entry to Prince Edward Island, all travelers must [self-isolate](#) for 4 days and test negative for COVID-19 on day 2 and 4.
- Bars and restaurants will close at 11 p.m.

Adherence to the following measures is essential:

- Departments and agencies are to facilitate any staff who can effectively work remotely to do so until January 8, 2022.
- Services may move to virtual service delivery and/or appointments only, where feasible, to reduce in-person interactions. Meetings are to occur virtually where possible. Departments and agencies are to communicate with their staff and clients as soon as possible to advise of any process or service amendments.
- Those who need to be in the workplace must adhere to public health measures at all times and are to limit unnecessary visits to other offices, shared spaces or public areas.
- Strict physical distancing between people from different households is required in ALL workplaces, businesses, organizations and organized events.
- Workplaces must ensure measures remain in place to maintain physical distancing and ensure monitoring of and adherence to same. Retail services and store front services (e.g. Access PEI, LCC Stores, Taxation Payments) will continue to provide services within current public health measures, i.e. physical distancing, limited to 50% capacity.
- [Get vaccinated](#) against COVID-19 if you are eligible.
- [Wear a mask](#) in indoor public places, see [Civil Service Mask Protocol](#).
- Practice physical distancing of 2m/6ft. at all times and wash your hands frequently.
- Stay home when you are sick or experiencing [symptoms of COVID-19](#). [Get tested](#) if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (even if the symptoms are mild).
- Report to your Manager immediately if you have symptoms or concerns about possible COVID-19 exposure or if Public Health has advised that you need to be [tested](#) and/or [self-isolate](#). Anyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19 at work must immediately perform hand hygiene, report to their Manager, avoid contact with staff, leave as soon as it is safe to do so, and arrange to be tested. Managers should then consult with their HR Manager on next steps.

- Visitors coming into buildings are to be screened with the [Screening Script](#).
- [Travel](#): Out-of-province travel should be restricted to essential travel only.
- Stay informed by checking www.princeedwardisland.ca/covid19 regularly for updates from the Chief Public Health Office.

If you have any questions, please contact your Director, Manager or HR Manager.

Thank you for continuing to do your part, it has had a significant positive impact on so many and please remember, you are never alone, we are in this together.

May you safely enjoy all the well-deserved treasures of the holidays - the warmth of home, the love of family and friends, time for self-care and doing what brings you joy.

Tanya