

## COVID-19 Screening for Public Access As of July 9, 2021

**Those screening for public access, please Note:** Effective Friday, July 9, 2021, non-medical masks are no longer required in indoor public spaces but encouraged for people:

- Who are not yet fully vaccinated;
- When interacting with those for which vaccine status is unknown, such as members of the general public and other external clients and visitors.
- In indoor public places where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

While no longer mandatory, masks do provide an additional layer of protection and those who wish to continue to wear masks are encouraged to do so. It's extremely important to continue to practice caution and adhere to public health measures such as maintain physical distancing, stay home when ill, and wash your hands regularly.

**In indoor places where physical distancing cannot be maintained and/or services are provided to the public, masks are encouraged.** Employees, clients and other visitors to Government buildings where physical distancing can't be maintained and/or are accessible to the public, are encouraged to follow CPHO guidelines for wearing non-medical masks as outlined at <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/wearing-non-medical-masks-community> and are responsible for providing their own masks.

### Exceptions

Where masks are encouraged, consideration will continue to be given to individuals who cannot wear a mask due to certain health conditions and exceptions. Some individuals are unable to wear masks for various reasons. In some cases, these reasons may not always be visible to others.

### **Clients and Other Visitors**

We are not expecting clients and other visitors to produce proof of vaccination or exemption. We continue to ask for kindness, respect and understanding. Those arriving without a non-medical mask at location where masks are recommended and who do not fall under an above-noted exception may be offered a disposable non-medical mask, if available. Regardless, they should still be served in a safe manner. We will continue to rely on Islanders to make good decisions to protect themselves and others from COVID-19.

**It is important to note** that some departments may have more specific safety requirements regarding masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE) in place, given the nature of their services. This is not meant to supersede that direction.

For more information, the PEI Civil Service Mask Protocol is available at <https://psc.gpei.ca/sites/psc.gpei.ca/files/Mask%20Protocol%20Final%20July%202021.pdf>

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## Screening Script

### **Are you experiencing any new or unusual\* symptoms including:**

- Body/Muscle/Joint aches
- Cough (New or worsening)
- Feeling unwell / Unusual fatigue
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever / Chills
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Runny nose, sneezing, congestion
- Sore throat

If yes, client should be denied access to the building.

*\*On-going chronic symptoms related to an existing condition (e.g. chronic allergies or COPD) would not be reason enough to deny access.*

### **Are you currently required to be self-isolating as per CPHO guidelines?**

If yes, client should be asked to return after completing isolation.