

COVID-19 Screening for Public Access

As of November 24, 2020

Those screening for public access, please Note: Non-medical masks are mandatory in all public spaces, including Government buildings, in Prince Edward Island (effective Friday, November 20, 2020). Clients and other visitors are to supply and wear a non-medical mask at all times while in Government buildings.

Exceptions

There are exceptions to the mandatory mask policy and include the following:

- *Children under the age of two;*
- *Children under the age of five, if they will not wear a mask;*
- *Individuals who cannot remove a mask; and*
- *Individuals who have underlying medical issues that would prevent them from wearing a mask.*

In some cases, these reasons may not always be visible to others. We are not expecting Islanders to produce proof of exemption. Islanders should always treat each other with kindness, respect and understanding as we comply with these new measures. Those arriving without a non-medical mask 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 and the service or site may offer to provide the service over the phone or virtually where possible. We will be taking a cooperative approach to enforcement, relying on Islanders to make good decisions to protect themselves and others from COVID-19. Our primary objective is to gain voluntary compliance.

For more detailed information, the updated PEI Civil Service Mask Protocol is available at
<https://psc.gpei.ca/sites/psc.gpei.ca/files/MaskProtocol19Nov2020.pdf>

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.

Have you been in close contact with someone who has returned to Prince Edward Island in the past 14 days AND who has symptoms of COVID-19?

Close contact with someone means:

- Providing care
- Having close physical contact
- Living with someone (who isn't able to properly and consistently socially distance)
- Having close lengthy contact
- Having contact with bodily fluids

If yes, client should be denied access to the building until it is confirmed that the client's close contact does not have COVID-19.