

# Pembroke Regional Hospital

## MEMO

**To: All Staff and Physicians**  
**From: Infectious Disease Command Centre**  
**Date: 2025 April 3rd**  
**Subject: Enhanced Masking Protocols - Updated**

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The Infectious Disease Command Centre met today to review and assess local and provincial data regarding the risk of infectious disease transmission. Based on this review, and after careful consideration, we have made the decision to adjust some of the enhanced masking protocols which are currently in place. Effective immediately, the following changes will be implemented:

### **Inpatient Units and Low-Risk Outpatient Settings:**

- Masking will no longer be required for all patient interactions by staff, physicians, or visitors.
- Masking will still be required under the following circumstances:
  - For patients on additional precautions.
  - Based on point-of-care risk assessments.
  - If a staff member or physician is working under self-isolation protocols.
- Masks will continue to be readily available for anyone who chooses to wear one.

### **High-Risk Settings:**

- Emergency Department and Systemic Therapy: Due to ongoing moderate risk, masking remains mandatory for staff and physicians in these settings.
- In the Emergency Department, surgical masks will continue to be required at all times by staff and physicians.
- Patients and visitors are still required to wear masks in the Emergency Department waiting area.

### **Ongoing Monitoring and Adjustments**

The Infectious Disease Command Centre continuously monitors local and provincial data to ensure that safety protocols are based on the most current information. We will continue to assess trends and make further adjustments to masking requirements as needed.

We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to patient and staff safety.