

PEMBROKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

MEMO

TO: All Staff and Physicians

FROM: Infection Prevention and Control and Occupational Health and Safety

DATE: June 30th, 2021

SUBJECT: COVID PPE and Safety Protocols

As we continue through the pandemic it was welcome news when the Public Health Agency of Canada recently announced the loosening of restrictions of masking when getting together with family and friends, especially when vaccinated. Along with this announcement they also stated that provincial and local guidelines still need to be followed.

It has been noticed that a number of staff and physicians are going ahead and loosening their adherence to the precautions put in place at PRH. So far the Province has not made any changes to workplace requirements. Masking, eye protection and social distancing still applies and needs to be adhered to. Last week the Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee (PIDAC) released a document advising that facilities should maintain their current approach, despite vaccination among Health Care Providers, especially while vaccine efficacy is being determined for emerging Variants of Concern.

We recognize staff are tired and it has been a long journey but we are getting to the end. IPAC and Occ Health are working closely with the region and monitoring for changes. As those changes happen, we will update accordingly. Please be patient, be diligent and continue to follow the protocols put in place for the safety of patients and staff, but more importantly, you and your family.

Please direct any questions to InfectionControl@pemreghos.org or OccHealth@pemreghos.org and thanks for your continued adherence.