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## **Lambton County Casinos, Bingo and Gaming Establishments:**

### **Re: Provincial Measures to Respond to Omicron**

In light of the rapid increase in COVID-19 cases across the province and locally, the following mandatory measures, [introduced recently by the province](#), are outlined below for your sector. In addition, continued measures that are required by all businesses that will assist in the reduction of further spread in our community are outlined below.

**Capacity Limits:** Effective Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, **50 per cent capacity limit** in casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establishments. In addition, food and/or drink services will be prohibited at casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establishments. Restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments including in these establishment can operate subject to the rules applicable to these settings (e.g., 50% capacity). Specific details can be found in [O. Reg. 364/20](#) (currently being amended with these changes).

If a concert, event, performance or movie is held at the establishment, the conditions in section 22 apply with respect to the concert, event, performance or movie.

**Enhancing Proof of Vaccination Requirements:** Proof of Vaccination requirement **remains in effect** for an undetermined time for applicable venues. To reduce the spread of COVID-19, it is mandatory by provincial law under the [Reopening Ontario Act \(ROA\) Regulation 364/20](#) that the businesses continue to implement the Proof of Vaccination requirement at point of entry into their facility.

In addition, to the processes involved in checking proof of vaccination, as outlined in the [Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses](#), the provincial government has announced that **effective January 4, 2022, Ontario will begin requiring the use of the enhanced vaccine certificate with QR code and the Verify Ontario app** in the settings where proof of vaccination is required. This includes those individuals with an eligible medical exemption or who are participating in an active, [Health Canada Approved COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial](#). (p. 10). These individuals are required to obtain an enhanced vaccine certificate with QR code, by January 4<sup>th</sup>

The **QR code can be used digitally or by printing a paper copy.**

### **Continued measures required include:**

#### **Mandatory Mask Wearing**

- By all employees and patrons unless actively eating or drinking.
- Employees must wear masks in employee only areas separated from the public if they cannot physically distance from each other at all times

- Employees must wear eye protection (eye goggles or face shield) in addition to masks when serving patrons less than 2 metres/6 ft away that are not wearing masks.

### **Active Screening and Contact Tracing**

- **All patrons must be actively screened** at the entrance using current [Ministry of Health screening questions](#). All patrons must provide contact information at the entrance to the business for contract tracing purposes.
- **Active screening MUST be conducted actively every day before employees enter the workplace.** Using this [Ministry of Health Employee Screening Tool](#) will ensure that your screening process is current, as the Omicron variant is changing the COVID response approach rapidly. Employees CANNOT attend work if they are experiencing **any COVID-19 symptom(s)**. If an employee has symptoms, they must isolate and get a PCR test as soon as possible at a [local testing centre](#). As stated in the provincial screening tool, anyone who is sick or has any symptoms of illness, including those not listed in the screening tool, should stay home and seek assessment from their health care provider if needed. Please refer to the [Workplace: Employee Symptom Flowchart](#) for further information.

Sincerely,

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