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Subject: Public Health Measures for PEI Post-Secondary Education (Winter 2022)

Due to the recent rise in COVID-19 cases associated with the Omicron variant, PEI's Chief Public Health Office has enhanced provincial public health measures to limit transmission of the virus. Post-secondary institutions remain an important partner in this effort to limit the impact of COVID-19 in our province.

In keeping with province-wide public health measures, the following measures will apply to post-secondary institutions for the start of the Winter 2022 term.

- **Vaccination:** All students, faculty, and staff are recommended to be vaccinated with a complete series of Health Canada-approved COVID-19 vaccines including booster doses as recommended.
- **Screening and Testing:** All students, faculty, and staff should stay home and seek testing if feeling unwell or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, however mild. Testing may be accessed at a drop-in testing clinic and individuals should self-isolate until the results are back. Up to date information regarding testing can be found here: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/covid-19-testing-in-pei>
- **Physical Distancing:** All students, faculty, and staff from different households are *required* to maintain physical distancing of two metres or more. Physical distancing requirements are not limited to classrooms and apply to all indoor and outdoor spaces on campus. If indoor capacity is not determined by physical distancing, maximum capacity is 50 persons or 50% of seating capacity, whichever is greater. <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/temporary-covid-19-measures>

- **Masking:** All students, faculty, and staff are *required* to wear masks in all indoor areas including classrooms. Details on wearing masks can be found here: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/wearing-masks-in-the-community-and-workplaces>
- **Gatherings and Events:** Current public health measures for organized gatherings and events can be found here: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/temporary-covid-19-measures>
- **Personal Hygiene:** Signage on personal hygiene such as handwashing and respiratory etiquette (sneezing and coughing) should be clearly posted throughout facilities. Handwashing supplies and alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol should be readily available.
- **Cleaning and Disinfection:** Maintain enhanced cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces.
- **Operational Plans:** Operational plans should continue to be updated and approved by PEI's Chief Public Health Office.

Thank you for your support of PEI's COVID-19 response. As the latest epidemiology and evidence across the country becomes available, the Chief Public Health Office will update direction and communicate new measures to PSE institutions.

We expect some of the information above may require a meeting with PSE administration to walk through some of the particulars. If this would be helpful, our office will arrange a videoconference in the coming days. We look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure a safe post-secondary learning environment for students, faculty, and staff.

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