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Province of Ontario Releases Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19 for the Long-Term

Brockton, ON, October 22, 2021 - The Municipality of Brockton continues to prioritize the health and well-being of residents and businesses by following advice from the Grey Bruce Health Unit and Provincial Government as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. This afternoon, the Province of Ontario issued a [News Release](#) announcing their [Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19 for the Long-Term](#). The plan will be guided by the ongoing assessment of key public health and health care indicators and supported by local or regional tailored responses to COVID-19.

Effective **Monday, October 25, 2021 at 12:01 a.m.** Ontario will lift capacity limits in the vast majority of settings where proof of vaccination is required, such as:

- Restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments
- Indoor areas of sports and recreational facilities such as gyms and where personal physical fitness trainers provide instruction
- Casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establishments
- Indoor meeting and event spaces.
- Limits will also be lifted in certain outdoor settings.

This means that the Municipality's **Walkerton, Cargill and Elmwood Community Centre facilities will no longer be subject to capacity restrictions. Proof of vaccination, masking and physical distancing are still required at this time.**

Ontario will slowly and incrementally lift all remaining public health and workplace safety measures, including the provincial requirement for proof of vaccination and wearing of face coverings in indoor public settings, over the next six months. This phased approach will be guided by the ongoing assessment and monitoring of key public health and health care indicators, such as the identification of any new COVID-19 variants, increases in hospitalizations and ICU occupancy and rapid increases in transmission to ensure that public health and workplace safety measures are lifted safely.

Residents are encouraged to [download their Vaccination Receipt](#) from the Provincial website, or [download the QR Code](#) which provides an easily accessible enhanced vaccination receipt on your smartphone. Businesses can also download the Province's [Verify Ontario App](#) to verify patron's COVID-19 proof of vaccination upon entry.

The Municipality of Brockton thanks our residents and business owners for their continued resilience and cooperation as we continue into the Fall and Winter months. It is important that we continue to remain vigilant and follow public health measures in order to maintain everyone's health and well-being.

Further Information

The Municipality of Brockton obtains information and updates from the County of Bruce, the Grey Bruce Health Unit, the Province of Ontario, and other health agencies and will provide new information to residents when available. The Municipality of Brockton will continue to take all steps necessary to maintain essential services for our residents and local businesses. Please visit Brockton.ca/COVID19 for updated information, or call the Municipal Office at 519-881-2223.