

Masks Are No Longer Mandatory At Pembroke Regional Hospital

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In alignment with other acute care organizations within the region, including hospitals in the Ottawa area and Renfrew County, masks are encouraged but are no longer mandatory at Pembroke Regional Hospital.

“The decision to change our policy was based on the continued stabilization of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses within the hospital and the broader community,” said PRH President and CEO Sabine Mersmann.

“Given the importance we place on protecting our patients whose medical conditions leave them more vulnerable to infection, this decision was not made lightly, but it aligns with the practice of other hospitals in our region and what others across the province are doing based on the current situation. Going forward, virus transmission will be monitored and we, like others, will make adjustments to our policy as required,” she said.

With today’s change, PRH will continue to be a mask friendly space where those who prefer to wear a mask will have the option to do so and masks will be readily available at all hospital entrances and within each department.

In addition, to ensure patients feel comfortable receiving care at PRH, those who would prefer that a member of our care team wear a mask, can simply make the request.

The only exceptions to the new masking policy are as follows:

- Patients attending outpatient settings should wear a mask if feeling unwell.
- Caregivers and visitors should follow the direction of signage posted at the entrance to a patient’s room and wear a mask and/or other safety equipment as indicated.
- All caregivers and visitors who are feeling unwell should delay their visit.

And please note that, in the event of a respiratory illness outbreak, masking will be reinstated in the impacted area for the duration of the outbreak.

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