



**City of Hamilton**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**AGENDA**

**Meeting #:** 22-003  
**Date:** March 21, 2022  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall (CC)

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**1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

(Added Items, if applicable, will be noted with \*)

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1. February 14, 2022

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

5.1. Correspondence from Board of Health, Public Health Sudbury & Districts respecting a motion entitled "Health and Racial Equity: Denouncing Acts and Symbols of Hate"

Recommendation: Be endorsed.

**6. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

6.1. Dr. Julie A. Tiessen, respecting the Provincial Vaccine Mandate (for a future meeting)

**7. CONSENT ITEMS**

7.1. Public Beach Signage (BOH22004) (City Wide)

7.2. Letter of Instructions for Infection Prevention and Control Measures for High-Rise Apartment Buildings and High-Rise Condominiums with 12 or More Storeys (BOH21007(a)) (City Wide)

**8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

8.1. Overview of COVID-19 Activity in the City of Hamilton 11 Mar 2020 to Present (to be distributed)

**9. PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS**

9.1. Kayla Hagerty and Dr. Aaron Doyle, Carleton University, respecting the COVID-19 Pandemic and its Impact on the Opioid Epidemic in Canada

(Approved at the December 6, 2021 meeting)

**10. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**11. MOTIONS**

**12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS**

**14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**



## BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES 22-002

9:30 a.m.

Monday, February 14, 2022

**Due to COVID-19 and the closure of City Hall, this meeting was held virtually**

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**Present:** Mayor F. Eisenberger  
Councillors M. Wilson (Vice-Chair), J. Farr, N. Nann, S. Merulla, R. Powers, T. Jackson, E. Pauls, J.P. Danko, B. Clark, M. Pearson, B. Johnson, L. Ferguson, A. VanderBeek and J. Partridge

**Absent with  
Regrets:** Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

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### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. **Communication from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa) respecting Public Health Resilience in Ontario (Item 5.1)**

**(Wilson/Jackson)**

That the Communication from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa) respecting Public Health Resilience in Ontario, be endorsed.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:**

YES	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES	-	Ward 3 Councillor Ninder Nann
YES	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
YES	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
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YES	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
ABSENT	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
ABSENT	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judy Partridge

**2. Annual Service Plan & Budget 2022 (BOH22003) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)**

**(Jackson/Powers)**

- (a) That the Board of Health authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health to submit the 2022 Annual Service Plan and Budget to the Ministry of Health in keeping with what is outlined in this report;
- (b) That the Board of Health reiterate their call to the Ministry of Health to fully fund the provincial portion, at least 70%, of the total costs of the mandatory public health programs and services provided under the Ontario Public Health Standards;
- (c) That the Board of Health reiterate their call to the Ministry of Health to fully fund the added costs resulting from the expanded mandate under the Ontario Public Health Standards through a base funding increase in the amount of \$355,770; and;
- (d) That the Board of Health authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health to report the outcomes of the 2022 Annual Service Plan and Budget submission and any additional FTEs required if the Base Funding Shortfall one-time request and Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program additional operational funding request is approved.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:**

YES	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
ABSENT	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
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3. **Physician Recruitment & Retention Steering Committee Report 22-001 – February 11, 2022 (Added Item 10.2)**

**(VanderBeek/Farr)**

- (i) Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair (Item 1)
  - (a) That Marie Nash be appointed as Chair of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee for the balance of the 2018-2022 term of Council; and
  - (b) That Councillor Merulla be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee for the balance of the 2018-2022 term of Council.
- (ii) Proposed Contract Revisions – Physician Recruitment Specialist (Item 14.2)
  - (a) That the Terms and Conditions of Employment for the Physician Recruitment Specialist, be approved; and
  - (b) That the Terms and Conditions of Employment for the Physician Recruitment Specialist contract remain confidential.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:**

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**FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)**

There were no ceremonial activities.

**(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)**

The Committee Clerk advised the Board of the following changes to the agenda:

**10. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 10.2 Physician Recruitment & Retention Steering Committee Report 22-001 – February 11, 2022 (Added Item 10.2)

**(Pearson/Johnson)**

That the agenda for the February 14, 2022 Board of Health be approved, as amended.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:**

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**(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

None

**(d) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)**

**(i) January 10, 2022 (Item 4.1)**

**(Partridge/VanderBeek)**

That the Minutes of January 10, 2022 be approved, as presented.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:**

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**(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)**

**(i) Overview of COVID-19 Activity in the City of Hamilton 11 Mar 2020 to Present (Item 8.2)**

Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health; Michelle Baird, Director, Healthy and Safe Communities and Melissa Biksa, Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities, addressed the Board with an Overview of COVID-19 Activity in the City of Hamilton 11 Mar 2020 to present, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

**(Jackson/Pearson)**

That the Presentation respecting an Overview of COVID-19 Activity in the City of Hamilton 11 Mar 2020 to present, be received.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:**

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**(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

**(Pearson/Partridge)**

That, there being no further business, the Board of Health be adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:**

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Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger,  
Chair, Board of Health

Loren Kolar  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk



# 5.1

**From:** [allhealthunits](#) on behalf of [Rachel Quesnel](#)  
**To:** [allhealthunits@lists.alphaweb.org](mailto:allhealthunits@lists.alphaweb.org)  
**Cc:** [Penny Sutcliffe](#)  
**Subject:** [allhealthunits] Board of Health, Public Health Sudbury & Districts motion: Health and Racial Equity: Denouncing Acts and Symbols of Hate  
**Date:** Thursday, February 24, 2022 7:31:23 AM  
**Attachments:** [L\\_Health\\_Racial\\_Equity\\_Denouncing\\_Acts\\_Symbols\\_of\\_Hate\\_2022-02-17.pdf](#)

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ATT: Ontario Boards of Health

Sharing the attached letter from Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, for your review regarding a Board of Health, Public Health Sudbury & Districts, motion relating to *Health and Racial Equity: Denouncing Acts and Symbols of Hate*.

Thank you.

## Rachel Quesnel

Executive Assistant to the Medical Officer of Health and Secretary to the Board of Health  
Adjointe de direction et Secrétaire du Conseil de santé

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**Subject:** Health and Racial Equity: Denouncing Acts and Symbols of Hate

Good afternoon,

Please see attached letter from Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, Public Health Sudbury & Districts.

Thank you,

## Rachel Quesnel

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**Public Health**  
**Santé publique**  
SUDBURY & DISTRICTS

February 23, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dr. Paul Roumeliotis  
President  
Association of Local Public Health Agencies  
480 University Avenue, Suite 300  
Toronto, ON M5G 1V2

Dear Dr. Roumeliotis:

**Re: Health and Racial Equity: Denouncing Acts and Symbols of Hate**

At its meeting on February 17, 2022, the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts carried the following resolution #08-22:

*WHEREAS the reduction of health inequities is a goal of Ontario's public health programs and services as set out in the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS), health equity is a Foundational Standard of the OPHS, and programs and services must be implemented in accordance with the Health Equity Guideline which includes the requirement to apply anti racist, anti-oppressive, and culturally safe approaches to public health practice; and*

*WHEREAS the Vision of the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts, Healthier communities for all, is further guided by its Mission and Strategic Plan, both of which prioritize action in support of health equity; and*

*WHEREAS the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts is a leader among Ontario local public health agencies in their longstanding commitment to health and racial equity, including notably, the September 2019 endorsement of the Racial Equity Action Framework for Improved Health Equity; and*

*WHEREAS recent events in Ontario have included public displays of racism, anti-Semitism and discrimination, all detrimental to optimal health for all and prompting the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) on January 31, 2022, to issue the following statement:*

*While the right to protest is a fundamental element of our democracy, OPHA is disturbed by the hate filled racist and white supremacist symbols and messages flowing from the demonstrations in Ottawa. We denounce all forms of hate, bigotry, racism, antisemitism, and discrimination. Acts and*

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*symbols of hate are unwelcome and should not be tolerated. Silence is not acceptable. We urge political leaders from all levels & parties to speak out against such hate and racism, and to promote the importance of vaccines and other public health measures that are protecting all of us, especially the most vulnerable, against illness, hospitalization, & death. Change can only happen when we stand up and speak out. Let's work together to build a society that values diversity, inclusion, and optimal health for all.*

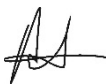
*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts endorse the January 31, 2022, statement of the OPHA; and*

*FURTHER THAT the Board of Health encourage other Ontario boards of health and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies to do the same; and*

*FURTHER THAT that this resolution be shared with all boards of health, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, area Honorable Members of Parliament and Provincial Parliament, the Ontario Public Health Association, the Association Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), among other stakeholders.*

A reduction of health inequities is a goal of Ontario's public health programs and services as set out in the OPHS. Both ALPHA and local Boards of Health have a long-standing history of supporting various health equity measures (e.g., food security, Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls to action, living wage, low-income dental, use of a health equity lens, national pharmacare, extending the Ontario Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Nutritional Allowance). Thanks to efforts like these, public health addresses the social determinants of health and promotes health equity. There is still work to be done. Recent events in Ontario have included public displays of racism, anti-Semitism and discrimination, all detrimental to optimal health for all. In supporting health for all, it is important that public health not remain silent and instead state that acts and symbols of hate are unwelcome and should not be tolerated. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,



Penny Sutcliffe, MD, MHSc, FRCPC  
Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

cc: All Ontario Boards of Health  
Loretta Ryan, Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies  
Pageen Walsh, Executive Director, Ontario Public Health Association  
Jamie McGarvey, President, Association of Municipalities Ontario  
Jamie West, Member of Provincial Parliament, Sudbury  
France G elinas, Member of Provincial Parliament, Nickel Belt  
Michael Mantha, Member of Provincial Parliament, Algoma-Manitoulin  
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Marc Serr e, Member of Parliament, Nickel Belt  
Carol Hugues, Member of Parliament, Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing

**From:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**To:** [Kolar, Loren](#)  
**Cc:** [Vernem, Christine](#)  
**Subject:** Request to Speak to the BOH - Tiessen Vaccine Mandate future meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 11:24:38 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: City of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada via City of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada <[no-reply@hamilton.ca](mailto:no-reply@hamilton.ca)>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 11:00 AM  
To: [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
Subject: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

Submitted on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 - 10:59am Submitted by anonymous user: 108.162.216.217 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Board of Health

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video? No

==Requestor Information==

Name of Organization (if applicable):

Name of Individual: Dr. Julie A. Tiessen

Preferred Pronoun:

Contact Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Reason(s) for delegation request: I am requesting to speak for ten minutes with the delegation scheduled on March 21. I will speak primarily on behalf of myself and my family, secondarily on behalf of my colleagues in a similar health predicament, explaining how the city of Hamilton's vaccine mandate is unwarranted and negatively affects real people like us, and should therefore be rescinded immediately.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/582686>



# INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members Board of Health
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	March 21, 2022
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Public Beach Signage (BOH22004) (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Richard MacDonald (905) 546-2424 Ext. 5818
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Kevin McDonald Director, Healthy Environments Division Public Health Services
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

## COUNCIL DIRECTION

Not Applicable.

## INFORMATION

The Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) specify the public health programs and services local Boards of Health must deliver. Program and topic-specific protocols under the OPHS further define the minimum responsibilities every Board of Health in Ontario is accountable to provide. To assist in the prevention and reduction of water-borne illness and injury related to recreational water use at a public beach, Boards of Health are directed by the Recreational Water Protocol (2019) and the Operational Approaches for Recreational Water Guideline (2018). Both documents guide the delivery of the local Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program in Hamilton. The seven monitored beaches in Hamilton are Beach Boulevard, Van Wagner's and Confederation Park Beaches along Lake Ontario; Binbrook, Christie and Valens Conservation Area beaches, and Pier 4 Park Beach in Hamilton Harbour.

The Recreational Beach Water Protocol (2019) requires Public Health Services staff conduct weekly routine beach water quality monitor of all public beaches. Beach water samples with a geometric mean concentration  $\leq 200$  E. coli per 100 mL for E.coli bacteria and/or a single-sample maximum concentration  $\leq 400$  E. coli / 100 mL is considered unsafe for swimming. Samples above the thresholds are posted immediately

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OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

online and on-site signage is posted or “flipped” by stakeholders from “Safe for Swimming” to “Unsafe for Swimming” as directed by Public Health Services staff. On-site signage remains in place until water resample results are below the thresholds then are “flipped” back to “Safe for Swimming”. These signs direct the public to the City of Hamilton website [www.hamilton.ca/beaches](http://www.hamilton.ca/beaches) or Safe Water Hotline at (905) 546-2189 regarding current water quality status (see Appendix “A” to Report BOH22004: Current Beach Sign).

It has been identified by Public Health Services staff, as well as internal and external stakeholders, that changing or “flipping” on-site signs is not required under the Protocol and impacts internal/external staff resources and creates an unfavourable image of City of Hamilton public beaches. Current on-site signage lacks information regarding possible beach conditions that can cause bacteria levels to rise between weekly routine water samples. There are also no surrounding Public Health Units in Central West Ontario that “flip” signs from “Safe” to “Unsafe” for swimming. Surrounding Public Health Units post permanent signage at public beaches informing the public of conditions that can increase bacteria levels and direct the public to their websites for up-to-date beach status information.

Public Health Services has redesigned on-site signage (see Appendix “B” to Report BOH22004: Redesigned Permanent Beach Sign) that will include information regarding possible beach conditions that can cause bacteria levels to rise between weekly routine water samples, direct the public to the City of Hamilton website and/or Safe Water Hotline and align with neighbouring health unit permanent signs for consistent messaging to the public (see Appendix “C” to Report BOH22004: Example Niagara Permanent Beach Sign).

The redesigned permanent beach sign will be installed at all seven Public Health Services monitored beaches replacing twenty-eight signs in total prior to the 2022 beach monitoring season and communicate this operational change to the public and internal/external stakeholders via a comprehensive communications plan.

#### **APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

- Appendix “A” to Report BOH22004: Current Beach Signage
- Appendix “B” to Report BOH22004: Redesigned Permanent Beach Sign
- Appendix “C” to Report BOH22004: Example Niagara Permanent Beach Sign

Current Beach Signage (2022)

“Safe for Swimming Sign”

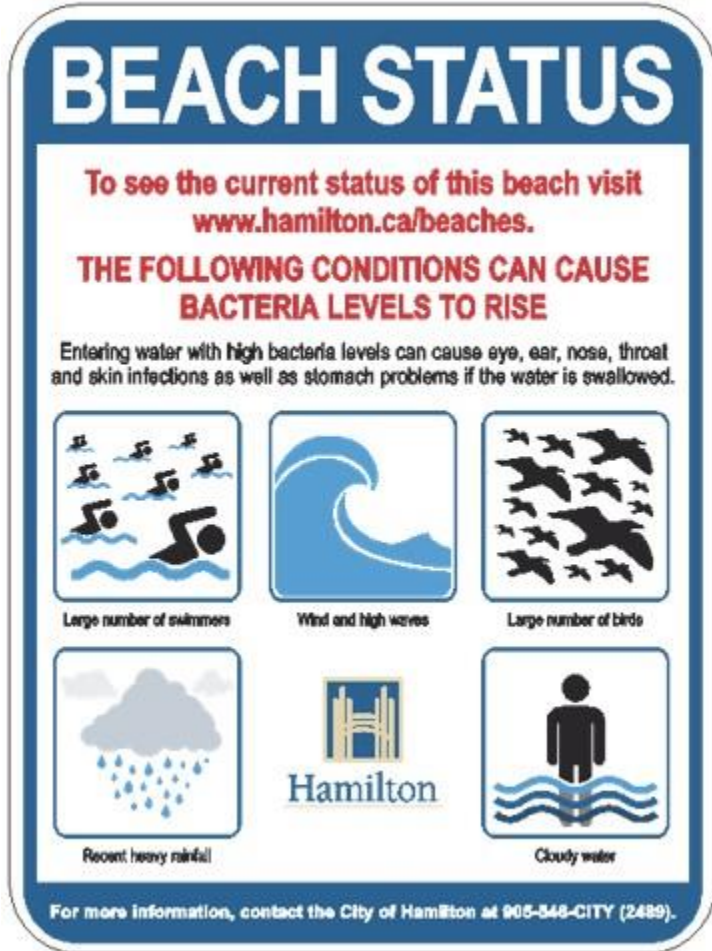


“Unsafe for Swimming Signs”





### Redesigned Permanent Beach Sign









**BEACH STATUS**

To see the current status of this beach visit  
[www.hamilton.ca/beaches](http://www.hamilton.ca/beaches).

**THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS CAN CAUSE BACTERIA LEVELS TO RISE**

Entering water with high bacteria levels can cause eye, ear, nose, throat and skin infections as well as stomach problems if the water is swallowed.

		
Large number of swimmers	Wind and high waves	Large number of birds
		
Recent heavy rainfall		Cloudy water

For more information, contact the City of Hamilton at 905-546-CITY (2489).

**Example: Niagara Permanent Beach Sign**





# INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members Board of Health
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	March 21, 2022
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Letter of Instructions for Infection Prevention and Control Measures for High-Rise Apartment Buildings and High-Rise Condominiums with 12 or More Storeys (BOH21007(a)) (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Dr. Ninh Tran (905) 546-2424 Ext. 7113 Jordan Walker (905) 546-2424 Ext. 7365
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Dr. Ninh Tran, MD, MSc, CCFP, FRCPC Acting Medical Officer of Health On behalf of Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, MD, MHSc, FRCPC Medical Officer of Health Public Health Services
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

## COUNCIL DIRECTION

At its June 14, 2021 meeting, the Board of Health directed staff to report back on the implementation of the following COVID-19 related requirements regarding Multiple Residential Apartment Buildings – Highrise 1 and 2 Buildings:

- Proper personal protective equipment (PPE) given to building staff while working in the building;
- Signage in common areas encouraging social distancing and handwashing;
- Placement of hand sanitizer in common areas;
- Disinfection of high contact surfaces twice a day;
- Posting a cleaning schedule;
- Regular updates to tenants on COVID-19 measures; and,
- Provide free PPE in common areas.

Following this, and as endorsed by the Board of Health at its July 9, 2021 meeting, the Medical Officer of Health issued a Letter of Instruction (LOI) requiring all persons responsible for high-rise apartment buildings and high-rise condominium buildings, with

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12 or more storeys in the City of Hamilton to adhere to outlined COVID-19 safety requirements to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

**INFORMATION**

The Letter of Instruction pursuant to the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020, S.O. 2020, c.17* (the “*Reopening Ontario Act*”) and its regulations issued July 9, 2021 (effective July 12, 2021) required that persons responsible for high-rise apartment and condominium buildings adopt certain COVID-19 safety requirements that, at the time, were also mandated provincially for other settings throughout Ontario.

In response to key public health and health care indicators showing signs of improvement, the Government of Ontario eased COVID-19 public health measures effective March 1, 2022, at 12:01 a.m. With the revised *Ontario Regulation 364/20: Rules for Areas at Step 3 and at the Roadmap Exit Step*, the direction provided in the Letter of Instruction, effective July 12, 2021, no longer aligns with provincial public health measures mandated for other settings. Specific direction and restrictions have been lifted for other businesses, organizations and community settings, including active screening, physical distancing, and cleaning and disinfection. Direction on masking in the Letter of Instruction is redundant with direction provided in the *Reopening Ontario Act* and City of Hamilton By-law 20-155.

Under the revisions to *Ontario Regulation 364/20* existing Letters of Instruction issued under the *Reopening Ontario Act* prior to February 25, 2022 are still in effect but cannot be amended. Further instructions under the *Reopening Ontario Act* can only be issued by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health for the province of Ontario.

COVID-19 severity indicators continue to be lower than they have been during this wave, indicating Hamilton is now in the post-peak phase of the Omicron wave. Given the current epidemiology, and as Ontario enters the Province’s *Roadmap Exit Step of the Reopening Ontario Act*, current public health measures in Hamilton related to high-rise apartment and condominium buildings should align with provincial measures. The Letter of Instruction is therefore no longer necessary and shall be revoked by Hamilton’s Medical Officer of Health, effective March 21, 2022. There will be no additional requirements for persons responsible for high-rise apartment buildings and high-rise condominium buildings beyond the provincial regulations. The City of Hamilton continues to align itself with the direction of the provincial government. We will continue to monitor our situation to determine if additional measures are required based on local context.

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**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Not Applicable.

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