

Public Service Workplace COVID-19 Measures for the Fraser East Region

October 1, 2021

Effective September 28, 2021 the Fraser Health Authority issued [orders](#) to increase COVID-19 protocols in the Fraser East region, which encompasses the communities of Hope, Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Mission and Agassiz/Harrison. This order has no expiry date.

While parts of the order do not apply to the BC Public Service workplaces in these areas, they must COVID-19 Safety Protocols from their [COVID-19 Workplace Assessment Tool](#)

To increase protection against the transmission of COVID-19 and meet the Fraser Health order, Workplace Health and Safety has provided the table on pages 2 and 3 for Fraser East workplaces to update their COVID 19-Workplace Assessment.

Please make staff are notified and trained on the COVID-19 safety protocols for their workplace.

For information on PHO Orders or specific Health Authority orders and guidance, please see the [PHO Orders website](#) where local Medical Health Officer orders are posted.

Fraser East Public Service Workplace Required COVID-19 Protocols as of October 1, 2021

Item	COVID-19 Protocol
Plan Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinstitute COVID-19 Safety Protocols using your Covid-19 Workplace Assessment Tool
Staff Daily Health Check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandatory Provides and added layer of protection during this increased period of transmission. See Daily Health Check for BC Public Service Workplaces (PDF, 298KB) for information on setting up daily health checks
Hand Sanitizer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinstate or continue COVID-19 safety plan levels of hand sanitizer
Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal contract cleaning Cleaning supplies available for staff to clean in and clean out
Barriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue use, or reinstall where 2-metre physical distancing between staff and clients/public can't be maintained
Client/Public Mask Use in the Workplace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unless exempt, the public or clients must wear a mask while: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In or transiting indoor public spaces, such as lobbies, entrance ways, hallways, public washrooms, elevators and stairwells Being served by staff at counters, service areas, meeting rooms, etc. Due to the essential nature of many services provided by the BC Public Service, we will not refuse service to clients who are not wearing a mask Unmasked clients will be served where there is a barrier in place, or 2-metre physical distancing Where the above is not available, an alternate service delivery method will be put in place Describe measures to be put in place for service to clients who are not wearing masks
Staff Mask Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff must wear a mask: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> While in or transiting indoor public spaces When serving or assisting clients/public in service areas (counters, meeting rooms), waiting areas, lobbies etc., unless there is a barrier in place between the staff and the client When transiting the workplace, including staff-only areas such, as hallways, corridors, etc. In meeting rooms with other staff when 2-metre distance can't be maintained and while entering and exiting until seated Lunchrooms and break rooms, except while seated and eating or drinking Masks are not required once employees are seated at their workstation, 2 metres distance from other staff, or with barriers/dividers in place. Staff have the personal choice to wear a mask anytime in the

	workplace
Physical Distancing Between Clients or Clients & Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required when there is not a barrier in place between clients and staff
Occupancy Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend reinstating COVID-19 occupancy limits in public areas
Meeting Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinstatement occupancy limit from the COVID-19 Workplace Assessment Tool • Use largest room available for any meetings • For staff-only meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Follow occupancy limits ○ Staff are not required to wear mask once seated • For meetings with clients, public or non-public service staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Everyone must wear masks unless there are barriers in place ○ Clients that live together or who traveled together do not need to distance from each other, but must distance from staff and wear masks
Lunchrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No occupancy limit required • Mask use except when seated and eating or drinking • Hand washing/sanitizing prior to using lunchroom • Avoid shared food, plates, utensils, etc. • Clean in and clean out
Essential In-Person Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status quo
Field Work, Meeting Clients or Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No COVID-19 restrictions for travel within Fraser East or any other region of the province • Masks must be worn in all indoor public spaces • Wear a mask if 2-metre physical distancing can't be maintained or there is not barrier between staff and public/clients
Shared Vehicle Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No limits on staff-only use • Staff must wear a mask and maximize distance between passengers (e.g., diagonal seating) when possible • If transporting clients, maximize distance between passengers (e.g., diagonal seating) and all occupants over 12 years old must wear a mask
Workplace Exercise Areas/Gyms or Change Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gyms: Open; follow PHO guidance and orders, hygiene place in place • Change rooms: Open; clean in clean out