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MASK MANDATE TO REMAIN IN PLACE

WINDSOR, ON. _ Mask mandates in settings deemed high risk are set to expire in Ontario. Earlier this spring, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (OCMOH) announced his directive to maintain existing masking requirements in select higher-risk indoor settings such as hospitals continue until June 11, 2022.

Even though the OCMOH directive will expire, it is up to hospitals on whether masking will continue past June 11, 2022.

Despite experiencing lower community levels of COVID-19, Windsor Regional Hospital, Erie Shores HealthCare and Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare will NOT be changing its masking policies and procedures, which applies to all visitors, patients (as tolerated), and all staff regardless of what area they work in.

This also takes into consideration the higher risk environment in which WRH, ESHC and HDGH operates with many elderly and immune compromised patients.

This means even after June 11, 2022, anyone entering the hospital will still be required to wear a medical grade mask.

This is consistent with recent guidance issued by [Public Health Ontario](#).

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