

# NEWS RELEASE

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## City of Nanaimo following updated Provincial Health Orders

### Summary

Updates to Provincial Health Orders that were announced on March 10, 2022 mean the following changes:

- the wearing of masks will no longer be required starting on March 11, 2022 for those visiting City of Nanaimo facilities or for those participating in programs, but masks will be encouraged where physical distancing is difficult to maintain
- as of April 8, 2022, the City of Nanaimo is expecting not to be required to check proof of vaccination to participate in programs
- facility capacities are now at 100 percent capacity, including at pools and arenas

Masks will still be available at City of Nanaimo facilities, and hand sanitization and cleaning protocols will continue to be in place.

The City of Nanaimo will continue to follow provincial health orders. This includes transitioning from a COVID-19 Safety Plan to a City-wide Communicable Disease Prevention Exposure Control Plan.

Any further changes will be reflected on the website and communicated through social media.

*Strategic Link:* N/A

### Key Points

- Changes to Provincial Health Orders were announced at press conference held on Thursday, March 10.
- Updated Provincial Health Orders mean that mask wearing is not required as of March 11, 2022 and that proof of vaccination checking will end on April 8, 2022.

### Quotes

"City of Nanaimo staff continue to follow updates to Provincial Health Orders. The latest easing of restrictions is a sign that we are hopefully nearing the end of this pandemic. We are grateful for the cooperation of our citizens who did their part to keep others safe from COVID-19 over the last two years."

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