## More Masking Mandates Are Being Lifted At Pembroke Regional Hospital

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PEMBROKE – To align with regional partners, the Pembroke Regional Hospital is lifting more mask mandates in most areas of the hospital.

Effective today, June 19<sup>th</sup>, masks will only be mandatory for visitors and patients:

- In the Emergency Department
- In the Emergency Department waiting room
- When visiting a patient in their room or in a common area on a clinical unit
- When someone coming for an outpatient appointment is unwell
- If a patient is asked to wear a mask by their health care provider
- Patients and visitors can expect staff to wear a mask for all patient encounters at their discretion based on an assessment of risk

In all other areas of the hospital, masking is recommended, but is not required and masks will remain easily accessible at all hospital entrances and on all clinical units for anyone who needs or wants one.

To assist patients and visitors on site, signage will clearly indicate where masking is mandatory.

"Today marks another step in our pandemic recovery journey, while continuing to protect the health and safety of our patients," said PRH President and CEO Sabine Mersmann.

"While we will continue to monitor and adjust our policies based on the circumstances and in line with public health recommendations, it's nice to see that practices which became standard during the pandemic are now coming to an end," Mrs. Mersmann said.

As a reminder, everyone is asked to stay home if they are experiencing symptoms of illness, unless they need to receive care.

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