



## PEMBROKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

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**TO:** All Staff and Physicians

**FROM:** Infection Prevention and Control and Occupational Health and Safety

**DATE:** March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Physical Distancing Requirements

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Effective immediately and in an effort to increase capacity in common areas, physical distancing requirements at PRH will be reduced from 6 ft (2 metres) to 3 ft (1 metre) in the following areas:

- Meeting rooms
- Break rooms
- Office spaces
- Cafeteria

This means, if you are able to safely maintain 1 metre physical distancing in these areas universal masks may be removed.

While we are hopeful that COVID-19 indicators will continue to trend down, pandemic protocols such as physical distancing will be continuously reassessed and reinstated as indicated.

We believe that this is a positive step in easing COVID-19 protocols and will continue to monitor the pandemic situation. Additional changes to COVID-19 policies or processes will be implemented as indicated by Provincial and/ or Regional Guidance. At this time, universal masking remains a requirement in all other areas of the hospital and as always, we remind you to be vigilant with PPE requirements when providing patient care.

Staff and physicians are encouraged to stay up-to-date with their COVID-19 vaccines, self-screen for symptoms and stay home if you are feeling unwell.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to ensuring the safety of our patients, community and co-workers.