



March 1 2022

Good morning,

As a result of the update below from our Recovery Secretariat, over the coming days all floor markings, physical distancing signs, and max capacity signs will be removed from all our public spaces, courtrooms, and our staff/restricted areas.

I do not yet have an update on the removal of plexiglass in the courtrooms so there will be no change at this time to the courtroom set up (other than removing the items noted above).

I will keep you posted on any further updates I receive.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

*Good morning.*

*As we communicated to you last week, Ontario is moving ahead with its [re-opening plan](#) to gradually ease COVID-19 public health measures, including the lifting of capacity limits in all indoor public settings, beginning March 1, 2022.*

*To remain in lock-step with current public health advice, the ministry is actively consulting with our health and safety advisors in the Chief Medical Officer of Health's Office and the Ministry of Labour, Training, and Skills Development, to determine the appropriate preventative measures for courthouses moving forward.*

*We are also actively consulting corporately with Treasury Board Secretariat (TBS), to ensure that we are aligned with changes happening more broadly across all ministries in the Ontario Public Service (OPS). More guidance from TBS is anticipated.*

*As you can appreciate, this is a period of rapid transition.*

*While there are still several outstanding decisions, we are writing to you today in the spirit of transparency to communicate what we can confirm.*

**On March 1, 2022:**

- *Physical distancing requirements will be lifted in courthouses, in alignment with the provincial reopening plan (distancing will continue to be recommended where feasible).*
- *Facility and room maximum capacity limits will be removed throughout the courthouses, in alignment with the provincial reopening plan (current signage will be removed as quickly as possible next week).*

***Please note: masking continues to be a required preventative measure in our courthouses and proper adherence to this measure remains important.***

*We expect to be able to communicate more detailed information with you shortly.*

*In the interim, we want to express our sincere appreciation for your patience and commitment to delivering justice services, as we work with our advisors on a path forward.*

*Thank you.*

*Recovery Secretariat*

Thanks,  
Mike

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