



Looking Ahead: Courthouse COVID-19 Preventative Measures

March 2022

		Current	What's Changing?
Active COVID-19 entrance screening		Active screening must be completed by all individuals (including staff and members of judiciary) entering a courthouse	Active screening will no longer be required when entering a courthouse, beginning April 4, 2022 Individuals self-screen at home and not attend a courthouse if sick
Mandatory Face Coverings		All individuals are required to wear ministry provided face coverings in all locations of a MAG facility	Public are no longer required to wear face coverings within the courthouse, beginning March 21, 2022 Masking continues to be recommended - individuals may continue to wear their own face coverings in the courthouse Masks will be available at the entrance, if required Ministry staff are required to wear face coverings until April 4, 2022, after which time they will be optional
Hand hygiene and readily available hand sanitizer	.	Frequent and proper hand hygiene must be undertaken	Hand sanitizer will continue to be available and hand hygiene is recommended





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Physical distancing	≜≜	Physical distancing requirements were lifted as of March 1 , 2022	Physical distancing no longer required
Health		Stay home if you are sick	Stay home if you are sick
Plexiglass barriers		Plexiglass barriers are in place where physical distancing cannot be maintained	Plexiglass barriers will gradually be removed from courtrooms over several months Locations where plexiglass may impede the ability for matters to proceed will be prioritized for urgent removal
Enhanced cleaning		Enhanced cleaning performed once per day	Enhanced cleaning will continue where operationally feasible
Facility and room maximum capacity limits	†††	Maximum occupancy limits were removed throughout the courthouse as of March 1 , 2022	Maximum occupancy and capacity limits no longer in place
Daily indoor air quality monitoring	****	Indoor air quality monitoring and HVAC system maintenance in both government owned and leased courthouses	Indoor air quality monitoring and HVAC system maintenance in both government owned and leased courthouses





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Signage which educates attendees about COVID-19		 Signage posted facing both the public and staff indicating: Physical distancing must be maintained Frequent and proper hand hygiene must be undertaken Ministry provided source control face coverings are required 	Appropriate signage will continue to be posted, including self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms
Monitors to support compliance	‡	Monitors are in place for courthouses to support mask adherence	Monitors will no longer be in place, beginning March 21, 2022