

## **COVID-19 physical distancing and mask usage requirements for operators of venues with liquor licenses, including those offering recreational or sports activities**

In order to minimize the risk of COVID-19, everyone is responsible for taking all reasonable steps to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission among their employees, patrons and visitors; this includes all business and service providers, every employer and workplace manager, everyone who owns or occupies land or buildings, and every host of a large gathering. Everyone must comply with all directives and guidelines from WorkSafe New Brunswick and NB Public Health relevant to COVID-19 transmission.

### **General**

- Operators must develop a COVID-19 Operational Plan, which includes a risk assessment;
- Anyone who hosts gatherings larger than 50 and/or who admits patrons to a venue at which seating is offered for purposes of eating, drinking, socialization, celebration, ceremony or entertainment, must maintain logs of names, dates and contact information of all attending;
- Upon request, operators must make their operational plan and attendance records available to any WorkSafeNB or public health inspector;
- Entry into any venue must be restricted to patrons, visitors and staff who have no symptoms of COVID-19. If they have symptoms, they should be encouraged to stay home and access the online form to get tested. A list of symptoms and a self-assessment tool can be found at [www.qnb.ca/coronavirus](http://www.qnb.ca/coronavirus);
- Follow enhanced and more frequent cleaning and disinfection protocols, paying extra attention to high-touch surfaces and use appropriate cleaners;
- Venue operators should reduce music and other ambient noise so that clients can easily communicate through their masks, up to 2 metres away, without having to shout: singing and shouting, especially in crowded and/or poorly ventilated spaces, are activities considered high risk for COVID-19 transmission;
- Ensure alcohol-based hand sanitizer (minimum 60% alcohol content) dispensers are located in prominent locations.

### **Mask Usage**

- In every public indoor space, everyone must wear an appropriate mask that covers their mouth and nose at all times except when they are eating or drinking while seated in areas that meet physical distancing and/or physical barrier requirements. Masks should meet all the criteria set out in the New Brunswick [Mandatory Masks FAQ](#);
- A “public indoor space” is an indoor space in which business owners and/or staff interact with patrons, customers, clients or the general public. Additionally, the following rules apply:
  - Masks must be worn if a patron accesses common spaces such as lobbies, hallways, washrooms, stairwells, gaming areas and elevators;
  - Operators of venues that offer recreational activity services must ensure that patrons using those services always wear an appropriate face mask;

- Operators must ensure that adequate physical distancing of 2 metres is maintained between patrons and/or utilize physical barriers.

### **Signage**

- Operators must display a Coronavirus Public Health Advice poster that reminds patrons to:
  - Wear a mask.
  - Observe physical distancing of at least 2 metres;
  - Wash hands properly and frequently;
  - Cough or sneeze into your arm or tissue, and wash hands or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer after coughing or sneezing;
  - Minimize close contact with others;
  - Avoid sharing foods and drinks;
  - Stay home when sick.