

Berkeley Castle Covid 19 - Tenant Update

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All Berkeley Staff (including those on Covid leave) have had at least one vaccine; almost ½ our staff are now double vaccinated, and we expect all of us to be fully vaccinated before August.

People are slowly returning to the office.

A bit long winded – but if you are planning to come to the office anytime soon – you NEED to read this:

Anyone who works in office building management will agree that the bane of their existence is most likely in dealing with “I’m too hot, I’m too cold” issues. It’s a fact of life. Two people can be sitting right next to each other, and one is hot, while the other is cold.

That is to say, that this past week, I was never so happy as when I started getting those kinds of emails and phone calls again. It means that people are starting to come back to the office.... HOORAH!

We have a few requests to make this easier for all:

- If you are planning on working regular hours (and haven’t advised us yet) please do. We will make sure you have proper air for the days and times you are in.
- If you are coming in on a one-off basis, wait until you get to work – your office might already be in one of the zones that is cooled. If you arrive and feel hot (or even too cold) – let us know. We will get on top of it ASAP!
- Check the weather forecast before you come to work. Wear shorts, bring a sweater, dress appropriately... right now, a little desk fan can work miracles.

We are still very cognizant of costs in the building and working hard to keep them in check. We have a high tech, automated ventilation system that works great during normal times, but was not designed for Covid. Keeping utility costs down involves daily adjustments in the various areas of the complex.

We have nine different “zones” for the complex. Each zone is anywhere from 5,000 to 45,000 square feet and operate on a variety different of factors. When various zones are unoccupied and/or the weather cooler, we are currently leaving the cold air conditioning off. Note that there is still a back-up default that will turn on cold air if the inside temps reach 27/28 C at the zone sensors.

Over the winter, and now into the summer, we have been asking tenants who do need to come to the office, to let us know if they are too hot or too cold. We do our best to make immediate adjustments to resolve these issues.

Some companies have now advised us that they have staff returning to regular hours, and we have activated the cold air in those areas for the designated office hours given. It still involves a lot of management. To cool an office of 2,000 sq feet inside a zone of 40,000 sq feet is not immediate.

We ask that you please be patient. It’s a lot of extra work for building management, but we think the energy cost savings for our tenants are worth the effort.

Once a majority of people return to work, the ventilation systems will be on all the time, and things will be much easier.

When can I get my second dose?

It’s even more confusing than last week, but more and more people are qualifying, and another group opens up on Wednesday. I had made a small error in my announcement last week, but since then, they have lowered the AZ timeframe to 8 weeks.

The great news is I know we are going to meet that 20% of second doses for July 5. There doesn't seem to be much vaccine hesitation amongst Ontarians!



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[ON LINE PORTAL](#) to book. If you're in a hurry, you can still use [vaccine hunters](#) on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#) for last minute vaccine locations (first and second dose).

Stay Safe,

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