

Berkeley Castle Covid 19 - Tenant Update # 62 - May 24, 2021

EVERYONE OVER 12 YRS OLD CAN NOW GET A VACCINE:

You can use the province's [ON LINE PORTAL](#) and call centre (1-833-943-0007) to pre-book an appointment. I have heard from a few people that the pop-up clinics are great and all reports are that the lines move quickly. I saw postings from loads of teenagers who were so happy to get that first vaccine. They all seemed to talk about how excited they were because it meant they were one step closer to seeing friends again. Vaccine Hunters is a place to check everyday to see where the closest pop-up clinic is to you.

FRAMEWORK FOR OPENING UP:

In a nutshell ([click here for all details of reopening](#)) :

- Each step depends on three criteria being met: Lower percent positivity rates, numbers continuing to decrease, and a certain percentage of people being vaccinated.

- We have already met the criteria of vaccinated people for step one, we just need the numbers to go down. Expectations are that this will happen by June 14th. When that happens, we'll be able to:
 - outdoor gatherings of up to 10 people
 - outdoor dining with up to four people per table
 - non-essential retail at 15% capacity

- Step two would be 21 days later. Along with continued lower numbers, we'd need 70% with first vaccines (we'll be there no problem), and 20% with two vaccines (currently under 5%). This is right after the July 1 long weekend. About 1,750,000 more people need to have their 'second jab' – which also means about 95% of the 1.85 million who had just received first doses by March 31st. If you got your first dose before March 31, make sure you get you second at as soon as permitted. When that happens, we'll be able to:
 - outdoor gatherings of up to 25 people
 - outdoor sports and leagues

- overnight camps
 - personal care services where face coverings can be worn and with capacity limits indoor religious services, rites or ceremony gatherings at 15% capacity.
- For step three details, which are pretty close to the “old normal”, and what we hope to be open for the August long weekend, use the above link.

CONTINUED MEASURES BY MANAGEMENT TO REDUCE COSTS:

The management of Berkeley Castle has been diligently monitoring and reducing cost wherever possible during the pandemic. Our business year end was March 31, 2021. Once our audit is complete, all tenants can expect to see a rebate of nearly \$2.00 per square foot for the past year. Increased insurance rates and property taxes aside, we were able to reduce building costs by over \$250,000 the past year. We are still doing everything we can. We have had to perform added cleaning, but we have kept those costs down by keeping track of which part of the building are occupied, and which are unoccupied. A few years ago, we installed a fully automated system to help us better control our heating and air conditioning. Unfortunately, it has no “covid” setting. This past year has meant we’ve constantly been making manual adjustments. We don’t want to heat or air condition vacant areas, but we need to provide a minimum level of comfort for those tenants who are essential services. I want to give a shout out to all the people who have had to come to the office for the past year. Thanks for wearing that extra sweater (and hats and gloves a few times) this winter. We’d lowered temps on weekends, and Monday mornings were sometimes a bit chilly. It was hot last week, and I did notice some of you in shorts and T-shirts and some desk top fans. It’s going to be cooler next week, and the boiler isn’t going back on – so remember that sweater. Your support and understanding has not gone unnoticed. For those of you who haven’t been coming in, the management office looks like a UPS and fedex depot. Every week we accept dozens of deliveries still coming for you to the building. We’ve sometimes watered your plants, and we’ve been doing scheduled in suite inspections to make sure all is OK inside your office. The daffodils are out, and the lawn in the courtyard has already been mowed. We are just waiting for all of you to safely come back to work.

Last week I posted this: *“By tomorrow, over 60% of all Ontarians over 18 will have had at least one dose of their vaccine”*.

Today, I can happily say that almost 60% of all Ontarians over 12 have now had at least one dose of their vaccine.

If you haven't yet been vaccinated, visit [Link](#) to book a vaccine. There is also [vaccine hunters](#) on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#) for last minute vaccine locations. If you really want to get vaccinated today, there are a number of places with vaccines available.

Stay Safe

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