

Memorandum

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To: All Vector Institute Researchers and Staff

RE: COVID-19 Masking Recommendation – November 2022

Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health announced yesterday a strong recommendation for Ontarians to wear masks in all indoor public settings, including schools.

This recommendation was issued due to the pressures on the province's health system on account of COVID-19, influenza, and the Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV).

Following on this recommendation, the Vector Institute is also strongly recommending the use of masks within our facilities at both MaRS Centre and Vector West (661 and 700 University, respectively) to ensure the health and safety of our community.

If you normally wear a mask but have either forgotten yours or need a replacement, disposable masks will be available at the front desk at the Vector MaRS location.

Please note that the Vector Institute's [COVID-19 Vaccination Policy](#) remains in effect and is unchanged by this recent announcement.

Preventative health and safety measures, including a requirement to wipe down shared surfaces after use and hand hygiene guidelines, also remain in effect for all access cardholders and visitors to Vector's offices.

Please be reminded of the importance of self-monitoring your own health, and if you are feeling unwell and/or are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or influenza, please stay home.

We will continue to monitor updates from our local public health authorities and building management; additional recommendations and guideline changes will be shared as they evolve.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in safeguarding the health and safety of the Vector community.