



Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada  
in the Province of Ontario

**Grand Master**

## COVID-19 Update February 17 2022

Brethren,

On Feb. 17 the provincial government is relaxing some restrictions, notably capacity limits and the requirement to remain in one's seat in meeting and event spaces.

**For lodges wishing to re-open:** Lodges may resume doing ritual following the guidance provided for in the documents dated October 26, 2021 and October 29, 2021 except contract tracing is no longer required. As a reminder, **active screening at the door and proof of vaccination (or medical exemption) are still required, and masks must still be worn at all times in the building** except for when eating and drinking. They are not to be removed for speaking or for photographs. There is also still a requirement to keep a two metre distance when lining up for any reason, either inside or outside. Please remember that all other local, provincial and federal regulations must be followed.

**Lodges not wishing to open yet:** Some lodges, due to their membership or their building may not wish to open yet. They may continue to operate under the previous pandemic rules.

Also, lodges do not have to do degrees or official visits at this time if they choose not to.

**Brethren not wishing to return to in-person gatherings yet:** There are brethren who, after doing a personal or family risk assessment, will not want to attend an in-person gathering at the moment. No pressure should be put on anyone, officer or member, to override their own assessment.

The government has stated there may be a further reduction in restrictions on March 1. We will update on this when we can.

Fraternally,

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D. Garry Dowling,  
Grand Secretary

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David J. Cameron,  
Grand Master