



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

Grand Master

COVID-19 Update March 1 2022

Brethren,

On March 1 the provincial government moved us to the Roadmap Exit Step. Full details are available at www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r22099 and www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200364 (Sections 4 and 5).

Proof of vaccination will no longer be required however individual facilities may elect to continue to require it.

Screening signage, safety plans, and masking while indoors are still required.

Please remember that all other local, provincial and federal regulations must be followed as well as any advice, recommendations and instructions from provincial or local Medical Officers of Health.

Masonic Memorial Services may be held in a funeral home at the discretion and following the rules in place by the funeral home. They may be held in a lodge room under the same rules as for a lodge meeting.

Lodges may choose whether or not to accept visitors yet.

Cleaning and disinfecting procedures should follow the advice given by Public Health Authorities.

Grand Lodge officers will continue to refrain from wearing gloves.

An updated Safety Plan template is posted on the Grand Lodge website.

Balloting and elections may be done by the traditional methods again.

Degree work may be performed as usual but masking is still required at all times.

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.

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.

Fraternally,



D. Garry Dowling,
Grand Secretary



David J. Cameron,
Grand Master