Adjustments to the COVID-19 Response Framework: *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open*

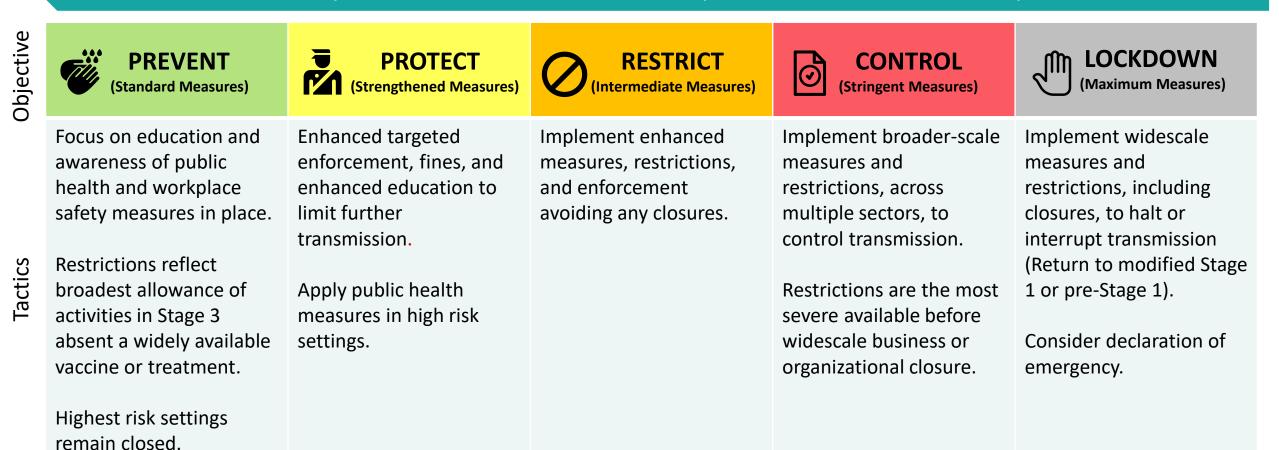
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Framework - Adjusting and Tightening Public Health Measures

Act earlier by implementing measures to protect public health and prevent closures

Gradually loosen measures as trends in public health indicators improve



Revised Thresholds



PREVENT (Standard Measures)

Epidemiology

- Weekly incidence rate is < 10 per 100,000
- % positivity is < 0.5
- Rt < 1
- Outbreak trends/ observations
- Level of community transmission/non-epi linked cases stable

Health System Capacity

 Hospital and ICU capacity adequate

PH System Capacity

 Case and contact follow up within 24 hours adequate



Weekly incidence rate is 10 to

multiple sectors/settings OR

transmission/non-epi linked

cases stable or increasing

Hospital and ICU capacity

Case and contact follow up

within 24 hours adequate

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Epidemiology

outbreaks

adequate

PH System Capacity

24.9 per 100,000

• % positivity is 0.5-1.2%

• Repeated outbreaks in

increasing/# of large

• Level of community

Health System Capacity

• Rt is approximately 1

Epidemiology

• Weekly incidence rate is 25 to 39.9 per 100,000

RESTRICT

(Intermediate Measures)

- % positivity is 1.3-2.4%
- Rt is approximately 1 to 1.1
- Repeated outbreaks in multiple sectors/settings, increasing/# of large outbreaks
- Level of community transmission/non-epi linked cases stable or increasing **Health System Capacity**
- Hospital and ICU capacity adequate or occupancy increasing

PH System Capacity

 Case and contact follow up within 24 hours adequate or at risk of becoming overwhelmed

Epidemiology

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• Weekly incidence rate ≥ 40 per 100,000

CONTROL

(Stringent Measures)

- % positivity $\geq 2.5\%$
- Rt is ≥ 1.2
- Repeated outbreaks in multiple sectors/settings, increasing/# of large outbreaks
- Level of community transmission/non-epi linked cases increasing

Health System Capacity

- Hospital and ICU capacity at risk of being overwhelmed
- **PH System Capacity**
- Public health unit capacity for case and contact management at risk or overwhelmed

Trends continue to worsen after measures from Control level are implemented.

LOCKDOWN

(Maximum Measures)

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NOTES:

- Indicators will generally be assessed based on the previous two weeks of information. However, movement to apply measures will be considered sooner than two weeks if there is a rapidly worsening trend.
- Local context and conditions will inform movement, including potential regional application of measures.
- Thresholds within a region may not all be met at the same time; decisions about moving to new measures will require overall risk assessment by government.

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