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Dear Mayor and Council,

The Province has announced that the provincial health emergency and many of the provincial orders governing public behaviour and workplace operations during the COVID pandemic will be lifted July 1 as part of their planned Step 3 implementation. This is good news for residents and for City staff, as there can now be relaxation of some protocols that we have been following for the past 18 months. [More information](#)

With regards to impacts to City operations, we are aligning our operations to the latest update from the Province. Not all changes will be in effect immediately, but here is an outline of what you and the public can expect:

- While the order making masks mandatory will be lifted July 1, masks are still recommended to be worn indoors by those aged 12 and up until the individual is fully vaccinated (14 days passed since second dose).
- The order restricting events and gatherings will also be relaxed, however some capacity limits will remain in place for certain types of gatherings. I will follow up separately regarding the capacity of Council Chambers and implications for Council meetings.
- The doors of City Hall will be unlocked starting July 6 to allow public access, however some safety measures such as plexi dividers and spacing stickers will be left in place. We are not planning to proactively announce a City Hall re-opening at this time.
- Some other service areas, including our DBL and Engineering service desks, will continue to have limited in-person access over the summer while we carefully transition to having more staff on site in the fall.
- We will be replacing our COVID-19 Safety plan with new communicable disease prevention guidance from WorkSafeBC.

We will be updating our web site and facilities signage over the coming days to reflect these changes.

Some messaging that you may find useful in responding to residents or media, or on social media:

- Thank you Vancouver, for staying strong and staying safe. Thanks to your efforts, and to the high percentage of COVID-19 vaccinations, we're moving forward with recovery from the pandemic.
- We are taking a careful approach to resuming more of our regular operations. Please visit our website for [updated information on facilities and services](#). We encourage you to continue to do business with us online.
- Masks are still recommended indoors. Some members of the public and City staff may choose to wear a mask for some time or may be uncomfortable in crowded spaces. Please respect others' personal space.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Magnus Enfeldt (magnus.enfeldt@vancouver.ca).

Best,
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