

## COVID-19 WORKER INCOME PROTECTION BENEFIT - EXTENSION

In response to the deluge of COVID-19 cases, the government has extended its COVID-19 sick pay program beyond its scheduled expiry at the end of December 2021, will continue now until **July 31, 2022**.

A quick recap on Ontario's COVID-19 sick pay program. It requires employers to provide all their employees with up to three (3) paid days off for a range of reasons related to the pandemic, including getting vaccinated against the virus, showing symptoms, or caring for a sick family member. It is an amendment to the *Ontario's Employment Standards Act*.

The government reimburses employers through the WSIB who **do not normally give their workers** sick pay with up to \$200 per employee per day.

For more information : [Infectious Disease Emergency Leave](#)

## UPDATED COVID-19 ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS

The Ontario government is **shortening** the required self-isolation period for fully vaccinated people infected with COVID-19.

The new rules come as the Omicron variant of COVID-19 drives a surge in cases that is straining public health resources. .

Vaccinated people and children under the age of 12 who are sick with COVID-19 will only be required to self-isolate for a minimum of five days following the date when their symptoms started, instead of 10. Their household contacts will also be required to isolate alongside them. If, after five days, their symptoms have improved for at least 24 hours they can end the isolation period.

For full details, [see here](#)