

Hello AYCers:

As I am sure everyone is aware, the Omicron variant of Covid-19 is surging across the province. In response the Provincial Government has introduced a new round of restrictions that will come into effect on 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, December 19, 2021. Specifically:

“To further strengthen its [response](#) to Omicron and reduce opportunities for close contact as the province gets as many vaccines into arms as possible, Ontario is introducing a 50 per cent capacity limit for ... Marinas and boating clubs.”

“In addition, to mitigate COVID-19 transmission that can occur at informal social gatherings, the province is also reducing social gathering limits to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors.”

(Source: <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1001366/ontario-further-strengthening-response-to-omicron.>)

In response to this surge, AYC has cancelled all social event bookings for the club house effective immediately. If you have made a booking of the club house, and have paid the \$100 deposit fee, please contact treasurer Borys Gogus regarding arranging for a refund or future credit.

Clubhouse capacity is limited to a maximum of 10 people at a time and members are strongly urged to not have guests on the premises.

Upon arriving at AYC, all members must sign in at the front lobby and sign out when leaving. This is essential for our ability to contact trace, should a member test positive.

Finally, please wear a mask at all times when you are on the AYC property, socially distance a minimum of six feet from each other and wash your hands frequently. These are still the most effective methods of reducing the threat of transmission.

As a membership we have demonstrated over the last two years that we can work together to minimize the threat of this pandemic. It is time, yet again, to raise our guard and take all necessary precautions to protect ourselves and the membership as a whole.

Everyone will be notified of any changes to these restrictions.

Please have a safe holiday season and, fingers crossed, and all precautions taken, we will return to normal in time for Spring and launch.

Cheers & stay safe -----> Nick

Nick Pitt, Commodore