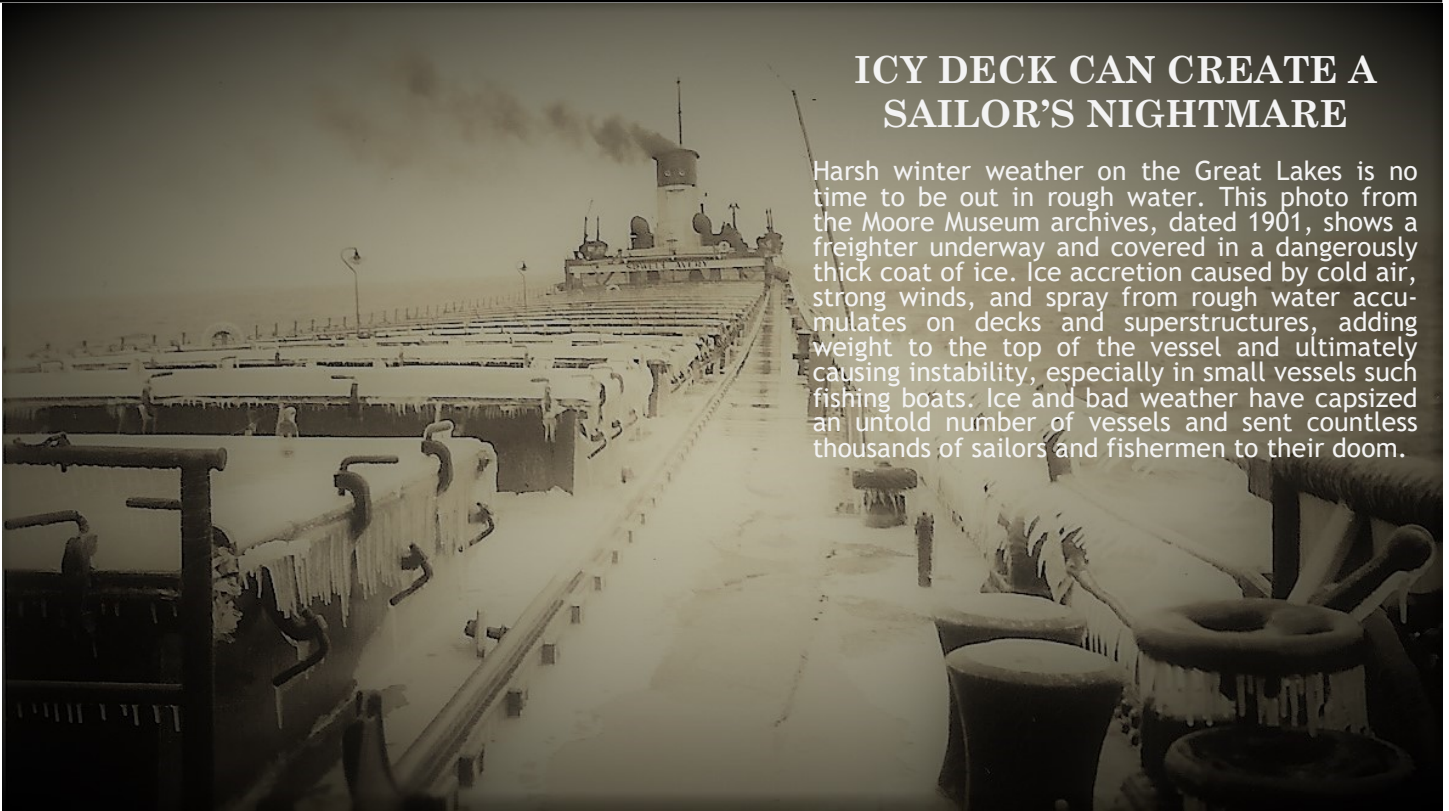


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### ICY DECK CAN CREATE A SAILOR'S NIGHTMARE

Harsh winter weather on the Great Lakes is no time to be out in rough water. This photo from the Moore Museum archives, dated 1901, shows a freighter underway and covered in a dangerously thick coat of ice. Ice accretion caused by cold air, strong winds, and spray from rough water accumulates on decks and superstructures, adding weight to the top of the vessel and ultimately causing instability, especially in small vessels such as fishing boats. Ice and bad weather have capsized an untold number of vessels and sent countless thousands of sailors and fishermen to their doom.



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Left: Passenger steamers like the ones mentioned in this advertisement provided a touch of luxury and an adventure to remember for the average land-lubber in the mid-1800s. Although Moore and Sombra Townships were sparsely populated, river traffic was booming and numerous hotels were built to accommodate summer holiday-makers who traveled the St. Clair River on their way to and from cities like Windsor, Sarnia, Fort William, and Duluth, Minnesota. Corunna alone welcomed travelers to Francis House, the Fitzgibbon, Campbell House, McNeil House, and the Rising Sun.

### Newly updated Heritage St. Clair page features map showing historic plaques and storyboards situated throughout the township

Heritage St. Clair has updated its page on the St. Clair Township website, and one of the features now on view St. Clair Township's Historic Points of Interest map. This interactive map points out the locations of these colourful and educational installations and includes photographs of them so you'll be sure not to miss them. Here's a link you can use to go directly to St. Clair Township's Historical Points of Interest page:

<http://stclairtownship.ca/st-clair-townships-historical-points-of-interest/>

## ***Improving public health and health care indicators spur gradual easing of public health measures***

Citing the improvement of key public health and health care indicators, and in consultation with the Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Premier Doug Ford recently announced the steps that will be taken over the next two months to ease public health measures.

If the two key indicators continue to improve, here is an overview of the way this reopening strategy will progress.

### **January 31, 2022**

Effective January 31, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. Ontario will begin the process of gradually easing restrictions, while maintaining protective measures, including but not limited to:

- Increasing social gathering limits to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors.
- Increasing or maintaining capacity limits at 50 per cent in indoor public settings, including but not limited to:
  - Restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments without dance facilities;
  - Retailers (including grocery stores and pharmacies)
  - Shopping malls;
  - Non-spectator areas of sports and recreational fitness facilities, including gyms;
  - Cinemas;
  - Meeting and event spaces;
  - Recreational amenities and amusement parks, including water parks;
  - Museums, galleries, aquariums, zoos and similar attractions; and
  - Casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establishments
  - Religious services, rites, or ceremonies.
- Allowing spectator areas of facilities such as sporting events, concert venues and theatres to operate at 50 per cent seated capacity or 500 people, whichever is less.

Enhanced proof of vaccination, and other requirements would continue to apply in existing settings.

### **February 21, 2022**

Effective February 21, 2022, Ontario will lift public health measures, including:

- Increasing social gathering limits to 25 people indoors and 100 people outdoors.
- Removing capacity limits in indoor public settings where proof of vaccination is required, including but not limited to restaurants, indoor sports and recrea-

tional facilities, cinemas, as well as other settings that choose to opt-in to proof of vaccination requirements.

- Permitting spectator capacity at sporting events, concert venues, and theatres at 50 per cent capacity.
- Limiting capacity in most remaining indoor public settings where proof of vaccination is not required to the number of people that can maintain two metres of physical distance.
- Indoor religious services, rites or ceremonies limited to the number that can maintain two metres of physical distance, with no limit if proof of vaccination is required.
- Increasing indoor capacity limits to 25 per cent in the remaining higher-risk settings where proof of vaccination is required, including nightclubs, wedding receptions in meeting or event spaces where there is dancing, as well as bathhouses and sex clubs.

Enhanced proof of vaccination, and other requirements would continue to apply in existing settings.

### **March 14, 2022**

Effective March 14, 2022, Ontario will take additional steps to ease public health measures, including:

- Lifting capacity limits in all indoor public settings. Proof of vaccination will be maintained in existing settings in addition to other regular measures.
- Lifting remaining capacity limits on religious services, rites, or ceremonies.
- Increase social gathering limits to 50 people indoors with no limits for outdoor gatherings.

To manage COVID-19 over the long-term, local and regional responses by public health units may be deployed based on local context and conditions.

Dr. Kieran Moore attributed the gradual easing of the strict safety measures put in place to stem the spread of COVID-19 and its variants to the sacrifices of Ontario residents who obeyed those safety measures, wore masks, and got vaccinated (including a booster). But he warned that it is too early to stop fighting. "The months ahead will require continued vigilance, as we don't want to cause any further disruption to people's everyday lives," he said. "We must continue to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 in our communities by following the measures in place and by vaccinating those who have not yet received their doses."

## **Ontario community organizations benefit from 2021 Hydro One Energizing Life Fund donations**

The Hydro One 2021 Energizing Life Community Fund recently provided 35 Ontario charities and organizations with up to \$25,000 to help make a difference in their local communities. In Lambton County, the winner was the North Lambton Community Health Centre.

Through the *Energizing Life* initiative, community charities and local organizations receive this financial boost to help put the safety and wellbeing of Ontarians at the forefront.

Due to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, 68 per cent of charities have seen a decline in donations since the onset of the pandemic. Yet, 46% of charities are reporting an increase in demand for services and programs.

Past winners were nominated by their communities for doing critical work to drive positive change. For a complete list of the contest winners, visit:

[#EnergizingLifeON Contest Winners](#)

We are encouraging all Ontarians to raise awareness of organizations in their community who are making a positive impact. Applications for the 2022 Energizing Life Community Fund are now being accepted. Charitable organizations, Indigenous communities, and municipalities are invited to apply for the opportunity to receive \$25,000 in funding. Applications close on January 31, 2022. Go online to: [hydro one energizing life](#) to apply.