

Public Utilities Board of Manitoba (PUB)

COVID-19 Protocol

September 1, 2021

The PUB is concerned the fourth wave of COVID-19 will soon become widespread in Manitoba with the arrival of the more transmissible Delta variant.

The Government of Manitoba has established minimum guidelines under which the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba (PUB) operates. The PUB is concerned about the health and safety of its staff, participants at hearings and the general public. In moving forward with hearings this fall, until further notice, the PUB will proceed as follows:

1. The PUB will determine whether applications before it will proceed by way of paper hearing, virtual hearing (via the PUB website) or oral hearing in the PUB hearing room or a combination of those processes. The PUB will notify affected parties.
2. In the event of an oral hearing, the PUB may impose the following restrictions in its discretion for a party to participate in an in-person hearing:
 - The applicant and interveners approved by the PUB may fully participate in the hearing virtually through the platform on the PUB website;
 - Any person attending the hearing room must be fully vaccinated and the PUB may request proof of vaccination;
 - The PUB may limit the number of people in the hearing room and may require people in the hearing room to distance themselves from one another;
 - Members of the public (including the media) will be able to attend online and may participate virtually but will otherwise be prohibited from entering the hearing room; and
 - Masks will be worn at all times in the hearing room unless the person is seated at a safe social distance and speaking at the microphone.
3. The PUB will post this protocol and any updates on its website.