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## Proof of vaccination required at Castle Kilbride effective November 1, 2021

**Baden, ON – October 29, 2021** – Visitors to Wilmot Township's National Historic Site will be required to show proof of vaccination or a medical exemption when visiting the museum starting November 1<sup>st</sup>.

"The safety of staff and visitors is our top priority" said Tracy Loch, Director/Curator. "In order to keep Castle Kilbride a safe place to visit, anyone over the age of 12 must comply to the new guidelines at the museum."

Castle Kilbride is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11am to 4pm. Tickets will continue to be <u>booked online and in advance</u>. Visitors will need to show proof of vaccine with their Government of Ontario-issued QR code or a printed vaccination receipt from the <u>provincial booking portal</u>, as well as follow the museum's safety protocol. Extra time may be required for screening and vaccine verification upon arrival and museum staff ask that visitors arrive at their scheduled time to ensure a smooth check in prior to touring the 1877 mansion.

## About Castle Kilbride:

Step back into the lavish Victorian era and visit Castle Kilbride, the jewel of Wilmot Township. Built in 1877, Castle Kilbride is the restored and furnished grand Italianate home of James Livingston, Canada's "Flax Mill King." The Livingston family resided at the Castle from 1877 to 1988. In 1993, the Township of Wilmot purchased Castle Kilbride and an extensive restoration project began to bring back the home back to its former glory. The new museum opened to the public in 1994. The home features nationally designated three-dimensional wall and ceiling murals known as, *Trompe l'oeil*, a French term that translates into "fools your eye" or "trickery of the eye." These magnificent murals reflect the Victorian love of extravagance and variety while providing an interesting illusion of depth. The museum is located at 60 Snyder's Road West in the town of Baden. Located on Hwy 7/8 between Kitchener and Stratford. Exit at Road 51/Foundry Street in Baden and follow museum signage.

For information about the museum, current exhibits, and specific protocol, visit <u>www.CastleKilbride.ca</u> or follow us on Facebook @CastleKilbride.

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