

# Community members: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW.

## Face coverings and Public Health Sudbury & Districts instructions<sup>1</sup>

**As of Wednesday, July 8, 2020, all commercial establishments and public transit systems will be required to advise persons who intend to enter inside their premises that face covering is required.**

- Owners and operators must have a **face covering policy**.
  1. They must implement their policy using their best efforts, including signage and informing clients of the importance of nose and mouth covers to protect others from COVID-19 spread.
  2. There is not a need for a business to turn away their customer to achieve the best effort standard.
  3. A face covering means a medical or non-medical mask or other face covering such as a bandana or scarf that covers the mouth and nose.
  4. Certain exemptions for the face covering requirement apply, such as: age (under 2 or under 5 and cannot be persuaded), health or ability, or cultural or religious reasons. No proof of exemption is required.
- Alcohol-based hand rub must be available at all entrances and exits.

These additional public health measures remain in effect in all settings:

- Maintain physical distancing of two metres
- Stay home if ill and get tested for COVID-19

As our region and province re-open, it is essential that we maintain and reinforce public health measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread. We are all in this together and we all have a responsibility to ensure the best protection possible for everyone while our economy re-opens, and until such time as a vaccine or specific treatment is available. Wearing a face covering is a way to show others that you care about their health. Having these measures in place is good for our physical and mental health, and for the good of the economy.

<sup>1</sup>[Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act \(EMCPA\)](#) and related [Regulations](#); [see letter from Medical Officer of Health](#), dated July 2, 2020, for full details.

**Face covers protect others. Let's work together to keep us all COVID-safe.**

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