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To: bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca, Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX
Sent: October 15, 2020 2:50:55 PM PDT

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Hi Dr Henry

I hope this gets to you . Your doing a great job and I can imagine how stressful this time has been for you.

I'm writing this to you as a concerned hairstylist .

I'm concerned as a lot of stylist are taking the protocols lightly and I'm afraid things could get bad for my industry .

Masks are not made mandatory , they are strongly suggested which stylist are taking as we don't have to wear them .

We cannot social distance their for masks should be mandatory period . We are playing with fire here. We all know masks work in stoping the spread of the virus.

So I don't understand why they're not mandatory is you cannot social distance . It's only a mater of time before outbreaks start popping up in my industry and I do not want to shut down again.

Salons should be fined for not fallowing protocols .

I hope this reaches you and you take it into consideration before something happens .

Thanks s.22

Salon owner and stylist

Sent from my iPhone

UFCW 1518 - Mandating masks for anyone entering grocery stores

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GSorensen@georgiamain.com, Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX, van Baarsen,
Amanda HLTH:EX
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Please find the attached letter sent on behalf of Kim Novak.

Thank you –

Shelly Hallman
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She / her/ hers



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October 27, 2020

Email

Office of the Provincial Health Officer
Ministry of Health
1515 Blanshard St., Victoria BC

Letter to Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry: Protect front line workers by mandating masks for anyone entering grocery stores

Dear Dr. Henry,

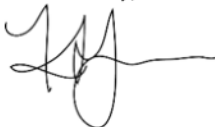
Since the COVID-19 pandemic was declared in March, grocery workers have gone above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that customers are able to shop safely. They have diligently followed all health and safety precautions mandated by the provincial health authorities and by their employers. They have done their part and now the government must step up efforts to protect these critical workers.

Many grocery stores and retail outlets require customers and workers to wear masks while they are inside. However, many stores require workers to wear masks but do not require customers to wear masks. This double standard endangers workers and is unfair. It creates an expectation of safety for customers but does not extend the same expectation to workers. These policies contravene WorkSafe rules, which ensure workers an expectation of safety while on the job.

COVID-19 cases surged to their highest levels over the weekend, you declared that we are in the second wave of the pandemic. You stated that it is expected that people wear masks when they are out in public. Despite expectations – expectations that have been reinforced by requests from UFCW 1518, from the workers, and from government messaging – many customers still choose not to wear masks while shopping, endangering the workers and worsening the spread of COVID-19.

We ask you to mandate that shoppers wear masks while indoors in order to protect retail workers and slow the spread of COVID-19 transmission. These workers have stepped up for their communities. Now it is time that their government do what is necessary to keep them safe. Mandating mask-wearing while shopping is a simple and effective measure that is consistent with softer asks that the government has already made of the public. It is a fair ask in return for being required to wear masks all day at work.

Yours truly,



Kim Novak
President, UFCW 1518

cc: Darrell Jones, Save On Foods, PriceSmart, Urban Fare
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Retail and Covid

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Hi Dr Henry. First I'd like to say what a fantastic job you are doing guiding us thru these troubling times. You are amazing and such a compassionate patient person.

I have a concern..... in fact all of my co- workers do..... we work in a department store located in a mall . They are taking all precautions and we have all felt as safe as we can be but now the public is out and about more, not social distancing and to be honest some are very rude, disrespectful and very verbally abusive. Our concern is the mall and store is going to be extending store hours to evening shopping because of Christmas and frankly that is just going to be exposing us workers even more. We all wear masks but it is not mandatory for our customers to wear masks..... the majority do but let's face it it only takes one person to transmit the virus. Our dressing rooms are open but limited but the area can get congested. The store is following the guidelines but the public is not and by opening the stores longer it will just be giving the public more time to be out and about and us workers more chance of being exposed. I was wondering what your thoughts on this are as we as workers are very concerned.

Thank you and again thank you for all your hard work..... you are amazing.

s.22

re: UFCW 1518 - Mandating masks for anyone entering grocery stores

From: Follwell, Andrew <Andrew.Follwell@sobeys.com>
To: bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca, Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX
Cc: Kim Novak <KNovak@ufcw1518.com>
Sent: October 28, 2020 11:40:21 AM PDT
Attachments: Sobeys Inc._B.C. Ministry of Health_10.28.2020.pdf

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Good afternoon, please see the attached letter.

Regards,

Andrew

Andrew Follwell | Vice President Labour Relations & IHM

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Dr. Bonnie Henry
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October 28, 2020

Re: Supporting our teammates – Enforcing mandatory face masks in B.C. grocery stores

Dear Dr. Bonnie Henry,

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, I want to recognize Public Health's tremendous efforts and your continued leadership during what has been an incredibly difficult time. At Sobeys Inc., we remain acutely aware of the impact of this virus and the safety measures required to help keep B.C. communities healthy and well. Throughout the pandemic, our B.C. Safeway, Sobeys and Thrifty Foods teammates have worked around the clock to continue serving Canadian communities safely with industry-leading measures including plexiglass shields, strict physical distancing guidelines, consistent employee hand washing and high-touch surface sanitization. Personal protective equipment is available for all teammates, and our teammates in B.C. are wearing a facial covering at all times while at work.

I must emphasize that we will always comply with all Public Health orders to maintain a safe shopping environment for our teammates and our customers. We know that Public Health has the relevant information and expertise to evaluate risk, and where masks have been mandated for customers in communities across Canada, our teammates have taken immediate action to comply with the orders. We have educated our teammates on the specifics of each order and coached them on the appropriate way to communicate its ruling with customers.

It's important to note that in the communities where Public Health has mandated masks, we've received very little push-back from customers. However, as I'm sure you can appreciate, the safety of our teammates is our top priority, and to protect their physical wellbeing and avoid the escalation of store-level conflicts, we have not made masks mandatory for customers in communities where Public Health has not set a mandate. Our guiding principle from the very start of the pandemic has been to follow the trusted guidance of Public Health, and should you mandate masks in all B.C. grocery stores, we will be fully supportive.

Again, I want to thank your department for your continued support over the past several months. We are proud of our role within the province and are here to support as Public Health provides real, meaningful support to keep our communities healthy and safe.

If you would like to discuss these matters in more detail, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Andrew Follwell
Vice President, Integrated Health Management and Labour Relations
Sobeys Inc.

cc: Kim Novak, President, UFCW 1518

Restaurants Association of ^{s.22} Letter (Opposition)

From: ^{s.22}
To: bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca, Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX
Sent: October 28, 2020 12:46:55 PM PDT

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October 28, 2020
Dr. Bonnie Henry Office of the Provincial Health Officer
Ministry of Health
PO Box 9648
STN PROV GOVT 1515 Blanshard St.
Victoria BC V8W 9P4 Via
Email: bonnie.henry@gov.bc.c

Re: Provincial Health Orders Impacts vs. Evidence-Based Decision Making Dear Dr. Henry
I work for a ^{s.22} hotel in ^{s.22} and ^{s.22}. I prefer to remain anonymous.

I oppose the letter sent to you today from the Restaurants Association of ^{s.22}
I am in support of the current regulations set forth and feel that it we resume alcohol sales past 10pm, issues with Covid would move more quickly through ^{s.22} and province. Since the change to this, the loitering has gone down, yelling and talking loudly while spraying droplets has gone down. Intoxicated people are reduced. Safety has gained traction and I can speak for many, that we feel this is a great approach.

While a large portion of my sales and other business have been reduced, your approach is what needs to happen.

Fortunately, the government has many subsidies and grants in place to assist small and medium businesses. They and us may not generate the higher profits we would like, however **safety is the main priority.**

I do hope that you will mandate masks in all public buildings rather than just a guideline. I would also like to see the group limit size for Catering reduced to 10-20 or less, rather than the current 50. With the regulations in place, the hotel I work for, does a good job to uphold the regulations in place. Where I see potential areas of vulnerability are in group environments above 10 people. The people coming to the hotel in these groups, do not necessary work together or live together. They are gathering in a controlled manner, however with mingling around the resort, in guest rooms sometimes without masks and have too close of contact points, where we are unable to enforce. With the removal of weddings and funerals, this was a great step to stop the spread. The greatest threat I currently see, is group sizes still being at 50 people allowed to gather. Now with private homes going to 6 people, I feel we should adjust the other groups as well.

I appreciate all you are doing for our Province and Country.

Thank you, for you continues efforts.

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296814 – BC Transit

From: Transportation, ADM Policy and Programs TRAN:EX
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To: s.22
Cc: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>, Erinn_Pinkerton@BCTransit.Com
Sent: October 29, 2020 10:20:39 AM PDT
Attachments: 296814 Redirect from HLTH - FW: Passenger capacity /mandatory masks
s.22

296814 – BC Transit

Dear s.22

I am responding to your email addressed to Provincial Health Officer Bonnie Henry regarding BC Transit and COVID-19.

I know local governments and BC Transit have been working hard to ensure operators and passengers can continue to safely use public transit throughout this pandemic. I appreciated the opportunity to review your feedback, particularly given your role as a BC Transit driver.

As you know, the Ministry of Health and Provincial Health Officer have recommended non-medical masks be worn where physical distancing measures cannot be maintained consistently, such as when riding public transit. As you mention in your email, in line with this recommendation, BC Transit is now requiring passengers to wear face coverings to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. I understand that not everyone is able to wear a mask due to underlying physical or health challenges, including children under five years of age.

BC Transit is responsible for implementing operations decisions concerning COVID-19 safety measures and how it chooses to enforce these safety protocols. As such, you may wish to share your concerns with your employer directly.

Thank you for taking the time to write and share your thoughts.

Sincerely,

Deborah Bowman
Assistant Deputy Minister
Transportation Policy and Programs Department

Copy to: Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer
Ministry of Health

Erinn Pinkerton, President and CEO
BC Transit

296814 Redirect from HLTH - FW: Passenger capacity /mandatory masks

From: Writing Services, Transportation TRAN:EX
<Transportation.WritingServices@gov.bc.ca>

From: s.22

Sent: October 8, 2020 11:03 AM

To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Passenger capacity /mandatory masks

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As a transit driver of s.22 years I would like to know what has happened to physical distancing on transit bus's in bc? We're now told that we can have up to 25-30 passengers or more depending on the length of vehicle your driving. We see signs on all the bus stops saying masks are mandatory, we have an announcement that comes on every 3 1/2 min stating the same. Yet you can have 10 passengers on board maybe 1-2 passengers have a mask on, you can have 25 or more and maybe a handful of passengers have a mask on, and sometimes less. We as transit drivers are told not to enforce! These driver areas have been retrofitted with plexiglas, it's not bad but again I say retrofitted, not perfect when you have someone bumbling around looking for there pass, looking for change, and then wanting to ask or comment on something. We need to be scaled back and if that means having more bus's on the road, so be it. So I'm curious when I see on the news about going back where we were a few months ago with certain things, I think maybe transit passengers and drivers are being left out of the loop.

Thanks

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wearing a mask during an ^{s.22} exam

From: ^{s.22}
To: Henry, Bonnie [EXT] <bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca>, Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX
Sent: November 2, 2020 1:22:42 PM PST

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Hello,

I am writing to you to ask why there are no rules for hospitals regarding patients wearing a mask during medical exams.

Im ^{as.22} at ^{s.22} hospital and we have been told that we are NOT allowed to ask a patient to wear a mask for the ^{s.22} exam. You are aware that the patient is laying on a bed right beside us (hip to hip) for at least 30 minutes (usually longer ^{as s.22} hospital sees ^{s.22} patients for BC) in a small room with no ventilation or windows. Our faces are about 1.5 feet apart. How is this safe? I sure don't feel safe at work when my patient doesn't have a mask on! ^{s.22} is also in the room and they don't have to wear a mask either!

Please, please address this issue. We are all afraid of getting Covid and bringing it home to our families. We are supposed to "do our job" and "not worry" but how can we do that? If you have to wear a mask to get groceries, why don't you have to wear a mask to get an ^{s.22} exam? Hospitals are dirty places and everyone is allowed in. Its not clean, theres no clean air unless your standing outside the door!

I eagerly await your response.

Sincerely,

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Fwd: Gyms and fitness facilities

From: s.22
To: bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca, Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX
Sent: November 4, 2020 8:12:44 PM PST

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Hi Dr. Henry,

Below is an email I sent to Dr. Brodtkin at Fraser Health. I am hoping you may give my suggestions some consideration. It is heartbreaking to see other fitness and wellness facilities putting profit over the health of the community and I urge you to give this some attention.

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From: s.22
Date: Wed, Nov 4, 2020 at 7:59 PM
Subject: Gyms and fitness facilities
To: <elizabeth.brodtkin@fraserhealth.ca>

Hi Dr. Brodtkin

I hope this email finds you well. I can only imagine how busy you are right now but hope you will find time to consider my query.

I am a s.22 employee in s.22

s.22 I am also a yoga instructor and realized that the mental health programs and services were not adequately meeting the expanding mental health needs of individuals.

And so I did something wild... I opened a yoga studio in s.22 with a focus on yoga for mental health. I was aware of the risks of opening a business but I also knew the risks of not doing something about the mental health crisis would mean things would be much worse, especially for youth.

I can assure you that my yoga studio operates with the HIGHEST safety standards for COVID. My ask to you is that Fraser Health in collaboration with Worksafe BC mandate stricter requirements with fitness and yoga facilities. I am fearful that the laid back approach to these requirements by my colleagues in the fitness and wellness industry will lead to another mass shut down, or worse, mass outbreaks. Below are my protocols that I hope you consider mandating across the Fraser Region with all gym and fitness facilities.

1. No cancellation fee. Nobody should be penalized for staying home and cancellation fees encourage people to attend when unwell.
2. Mandatory masks at all times except when 6 feet apart (for example once on the yoga mat)
3. Minimum 6 feet distance for low impact activities (ie. yoga) and minimum 8 or 10 feet apart for high intensity exercise.
4. Sanitize hands prior to entry AND upon leaving (because we so often grab a snack on our way out without washing our hands)
5. Daily COVID checks similar to what the schools have enforced for staff and members.
6. Disinfecting of all touch points and surfaces between every class.
7. Mandatory pre-registration to ensure adequate contact tracing.
8. No penalties for instructors cancelling classes last minute if unwell.

I invite you to come for a tour of my yoga studio if you are curious to see how a space can safely operate and provide the essential services of movement and mental health support while maintaining highest cleanliness standards. In addition to the above protocols, I have a high level HVAC system ensuring regular air circulation throughout my facility with an open clean air dump directly into the studio and multiple diffusers throughout the space. The HVAC system is running at all times to ensure maximum circulation of fresh air. Lastly, because my yoga studio focuses on the mental health benefits of yoga, all of our classes are low impact and do not produce any heavy breathing or sweat. This is

very different than other fitness type yoga studios such as s.22
COVID cases could be traced to.

where several

Unfortunately, I am aware that these requirements are not mandated or enforced other than some social distancing measures in place by Worksafe. As a s.22, and a business owner, I am requesting that you please mandate these requirements of all fitness facilities and yoga studios before we have a full shut down of essential services.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or would like to view my studio (perhaps a surprise visit to the dance studio and other yoga studio down the street to compare may prove interesting for you)

I am passionate about the essential services I am providing in my yoga studio as I have never seen such profound mental health outcomes as I have in my studio, especially after s.22 years working as a s.22

We need to find a balance with the mental health supports movement and exercise provide, with the safety of the community. I do believe stricter measures are the answer.

Thank you,

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FW: Mask Wearing Mandatory In Grocery Stores - Letter to Dr. Bonnie Henry

From: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX s.15
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To: Health, HLTH HLTH:EX
Sent: November 9, 2020 11:20:04 AM PST
Attachments: image001.png, Masks Mandatory - Dr Henry.pdf

Dr Bonnie Henry
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Office of the PHO
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I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em

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Subject: Mask Wearing Mandatory In Grocery Stores - Letter to Dr. Bonnie Henry

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November 9, 2020

Office of the Provincial Health Officer,
Ministry of Health,
1515 Blanshard St., Victoria BC

Letter to Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonny Henry: Please Respond to our Request of October 27, 2020

Dear Dr. Henry,

Grocery and retail workers continue to do their jobs as cases of COVID-19 rise to alarming levels in British Columbia. Despite your many statements encouraging members of the public to wear masks while in indoor public spaces, an unacceptable number of people continue to shop unmasked. This puts grocery and retail workers at risk.

We are eagerly awaiting a response to our letter of October 27, 2020, which asked that you issue an order to the public to wear masks when entering a grocery or retail store. Please respond to our request – UFCW 1518 members deserve protection from COVID-19, and they deserve certainty about their work situation over the next several weeks.

Yours truly,



Kim Novak
President, UFCW 1518

cc: Minister Adrian Dix (emailed)

Fwd: Update: RCC issues call for BC Government to enact mask mandate

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>
To: Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX, Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX
Cc: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX
Sent: November 18, 2020 9:52:44 PM PST
Attachments: Retail Council of Canada Media Statement - BC Mask Order.pdf, ATT00001.htm

Hi Jean-Marc.

Please include this fellow in the business sector briefing being planned for tomorrow as he always gets lots of questions when we issue an order.

Bonnie - FYI.

Thanks.

Brian

Dr. Brian P. Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting)
BC Ministry of Health, PO Box 9648 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P1
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Greg Wilson <gwilson@retailcouncil.org>
Date: November 18, 2020 at 12:59:23 PM PST
To: "Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX" <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Update: RCC issues call for BC Government to enact mask mandate

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Dr. Emerson,

RCC has issued a media statement calling for a mandatory mask mandate (attached). This represents the views of our industry, store owners and retail employees – all of whom have asked us to take this stand.

Best,

Greg

Greg Wilson

Director, Government Relations (B.C.) | Directeur, Relations gouvernementales (C.-B.)

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MEDIA STATEMENT**British Columbia's retail workers deserve protection****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****VANCOUVER – November 18, 2020**

Retail Council of Canada (RCC) is asking the province of British Columbia to enact a mandatory mask mandate for appropriate indoor public spaces as it will greatly help retail workers and store owners who experience aggressive behaviour from customers not wishing to wear face coverings. When customers refuse to wear masks in stores, it puts workers and other consumers at risk.

Retailers have followed the province's existing advice – adding masks to COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plans and placing signage asking consumers to wear masks for public safety. Many retail stores also provide free masks to customers who arrive without them.

Wearing masks has been recommended by the government of Canada for the past many months in order to prevent and limit community spread of COVID-19. Many provinces have further implemented their own mandatory mask orders and we urgently ask British Columbia to follow suit as a means of protecting those that work in retail.

The retail industry continues to work closely with all levels of government and public health agencies to ensure the health, safety and security of all employees, consumers and citizens. We are stronger together.

Diane J. Brisebois, President and CEO, Retail Council of Canada

For more information or to schedule media interviews, contact:

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About Retail Council of Canada

Retail is Canada's largest private sector employer. Over 308,000 British Columbians worked in our industry before the onset of the crisis precipitated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The sector annually generates over \$11 billion (2018 data) in wages and employee benefits for British Columbians. Core retail sales (excluding vehicles and gasoline) in B.C. were \$56.4 billion in 2019. Retail Council of Canada (RCC) is a not-for-profit industry-funded association that represents small, medium and large retail businesses in every community across the country. As the Voice of Retail™, we proudly represent more than 21,000 British Columbian storefronts in all retail formats, including department, grocery, pharmacy, specialty, discount, independent retailers and online merchants. www.RetailCouncil.org

Re: Update: RCC issues call for BC Government to enact mask mandate

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To: Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX
Cc: Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX, s.17
Sent: November 18, 2020 10:00:51 PM PST

Steve Brown mentioned this in a tc with health authority CEOs and CMHOs. I sent him and you an email earlier this evening with contacts for restaurants, pubs, bars, viaSport and BC recreation centres.

He also mentioned briefing the tourism sector.

Thanks.

Brian

Dr. Brian P. Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting)
BC Ministry of Health, PO Box 9648 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P1
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On Nov 18, 2020, at 9:55 PM, Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

First I'm hearing of a business sector briefing ... I will chase this down

J M P

Desk: [236-478-0302](tel:236-478-0302)
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<Retail Council of Canada Media Statement - BC Mask Order.pdf>

RE: Mask mandate in retail - safety for staff

From: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX^{s.15}
: s.15

To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX, Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX
Cc: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX, Wanamaker, Lori FIN:EX, Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX,
Hughes, Trevor LBR:EX, Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX
Sent: November 19, 2020 11:14:01 AM PST

I agree, our recommendation is the Minister of Public Safety issue a ministerial directive under the Emergency Programs Act.

That would align with our previous approach of the enforcement pieces coming from PSSG.

Bonnie

*Dr Bonnie Henry
Provincial Health Officer
Office of the PHO
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I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em

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Subject: Mask mandate in retail - safety for staff

Good morning,

I understand talks are underway with Worksafe to ensure they include mask policy in Covid workplace guidelines. I have been contacted today by Save-On and the Retail Council, who favour the mandate approach, to ensure we have clear messaging on support for staff who must enforce the mandate. Customers are confronting each other and staff on the issue of masks and expecting staff to expel those not wearing masks.

The safety of staff is also an employer responsibility in this case. Security guards could be available. Plans need to be in place for those seeking accommodation on mask wearing due to disability. Etc. Ultimately, management should close down briefly if necessary to resolve conflict. I'll leave specifics to the experts.

However, Worksafe should require strategies on this front in the plans -- for grocery clerks just as they do for bouncers in bars, or nurses in ER.

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Public Health Leadership Call Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 18th, 2020 ~ 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Zoom Coordinates in Calendar Invite

Attendees:

✓	Aamir Bharmal (FHA)	✓	Haley Miller (BCCDC)	✓	Patty Daly (VCH)
✓	Albert De Villiers (IHA)	✗	Ian Rongve (ADM, MoH)	✓	Perry Kendall (BCCSU)
✗	Alexis Crabtree (GOV)	✓	Ingrid Tyler (FHA)	✗	Raina Fumerton (NHA)
✗	Althea Hayden (VCH)	✗	Ita Hyland (HEMBC)	✗	Rakel Kling (NHA)
✓	Andrew Gray (NHA)	✗	Jason Wong (BCCDC)	✓	Réka Gustafson (BCCDC) (<i>Chair</i>)
✓	Andrew Larder (BCCDC)	✓	Jat Sandhu (BCCDC)	✓	Richard Stanwick (VIHA)
✓	Ashraf Amlani (Bunyaad)	✗	John Lavery (HEMBC)	✓	Shannon McDonald (FNHA)
✓	Bonnie Henry (PHO Office)	✓	Jong Kim (NHA)	✓	Sherri Moore-Arbour (Bunyaad)
✓	Brian Emerson (PHO Office)	✓	Lorie Hrycuik (MoH)	✗	Silvina Mema (IHA)
✓	Catherine Elliott (YK)	✓	Keren Massey (MoH)	✗	Siu-Kae Yeong (BCCDC)
✓	Daniele Behn Smith (PHO Office)	✓	Marianne Henderson (<i>Secretariat</i>)	✗	Stephen Brown (D MoH)
✗	David Patrick (BCCDC)	✓	Mark Lysyshyn (VCH)	✗	Sue Pollock (IHA)
✓	Dee Hoyano (VIHA)	✓	Mel Krajden (BCCDC)	✓	Trevor Corneil (BCCDC)
✓	Eleni Galanis (BCCDC)	✗	Monika Naus (BCCDC)	✓	Troy Grennan (BCCDC)
✓	Elizabeth Brodtkin (FHA)	✓	Murray Fyfe (VIHA)	✗	Veronic Clair (BCCDC)

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
1. Welcome and roll call	Reka welcomed everybody to the meeting.
2. Approval of agenda / addition of items	s.13
3. Follow up on Action Items from Previous Minutes	
NEW BUSINESS	
4. Provincial strategy for COVID-19 control (November/December)	<p>The table would like to talk about the minister's press briefing and next steps. Bonnie gave an update on the Ministry's thinking. It's been a challenging few weeks, and new orders are being put in place tomorrow. Directions will remain in place for another 2 weeks and they will be applied to the other HAs too. No social gatherings in your home, and only sticking to your household. Homes don't have Plexiglas barriers to help keep people safe.s. 13</p> <p>PHO is in the process of amending orders around events – no events will be allowed including in places of worship. Bonnie will be meeting with faith leaders and explain that for this period of time, they have to go back to virtual care. Will be allow funerals and weddings, as it cannot be postponed, but the limit is up to 10 people. They will also be bringing more clarity to mask wearing as it will be a requirement for all indoor public spaces – will include workplaces, shared workspaces, behind service desk (worker to worker). Similar approach to what's taking place in Quebec. When you're in the public spaces, you come under workplace safety measures / orders.</p> <p>Closing bars again, as it's a non-essential place where people are congregating.</p> <p>In the process of determining higher risk activities for Fall/Winter -s. 13 s.13 . Focus is to keep low-risk spaces open and to help them function safely.</p> <p>Looking at slowing down on surgeries over the Christmas period to help give HCW a bit of a breather over that period.</p>

FHA will be focusing on acute and LTC outbreaks. Reka will be stepping up as Deputy PHO to focus on school issues, setting up a working group to focus on looking at the different school districts. Work with Reka to have a coordinated approach and get her caught up on school issues.

We're seeing a lot of transmission right now in businesses and workplaces. Pulled together a rapid EHO team: closing down businesses, reacting and responding to clusters rapidly.

This is going to be the most challenging time for us. We need to keep essential functions going and with a coordinated approach, we'll focus on what we can do together to get us through this next period.

Andrew
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Patty appreciates that Bonnie is telling us what's coming. The challenge we have now is that we know where a lot of the transmission is happening and there is no COVID safety plans in household settings. The new orders need to be based on where the transmission is happening.

Ideally we'd want to avoid confusion, and have things written down when they're announced so that it lessens the confusion. School is the safest place for kids at this stage. WorkSafe is not closing down businesses, and they're reviewing the safety plan but the plans aren't being implemented. At the moment local public health is spending their time writing closure orders to specified businesses where clusters/transmission has occurred, saying "adjust the plans and then you can re-open".

Bonnie is working with WorkSafe again today.
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Reka is concerned about trying to produce communication within 24 hours and getting it right. Some of the activities (like after school activities) are actually structured childcare for many families.

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The businesses must provide masks, hand hygiene as well as other alternatives for people who can't wear masks.

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Elizabeth thanked Bonnie for allowing us the chance to talk about these orders and recommendations.
s.13 Will keep the group informed. With the increased use of mask wearing, they're seeing a lot of request for mask exemptions.
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Brian is looking at the broader measures again like preventing overcrowding in stores – anticipating it to increase over the Christmas season – and wondering if we should be looking at restrictions for indoor spaces based on square footage? Restricting access was previously supported because it encouraged physical distancing.

Patty is cautious about mask wearing because the public is using the mask not as an addition, but rather reducing all other measures. Transmission has been occurring by staff socializing, and not to customers. Mask mandate should not replace other measures – messaging should be clear. In healthcare settings, HCW are wearing PPE to protect themselves and the patients. We've not had transmission from patients to staff. In healthcare settings, you have to take care of patients and there will be situations where patients can't wear masks.

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Brian suggested that we need to be crisp and clear about events, maybe differentiating between indoor and outdoor events and noting how they should have specific safety plans in place. Christmas displays for example, allows people to get out at least a little. Outdoor events with physical distancing would still be okay. Quite a lot of events are still occurring and the list will have to be fine-tuned.

	<p>Bonnie mentioned that a technical briefing will be held with the media before the briefing tomorrow.</p> <p>Richard spoke about the mental health concerns with the darkness lying ahead. What is this going to do to the psyche of people? s. 13 s. 13 This season has been such a monumental part of people's lives.</p> <p>Andrew G s. 13 The scheduled school break period is to provide a period of relief.</p> <p>Reka wondered if, given the fact that orders are already in place, these new orders have to be broadcast in 24-hours. Can we have a little bit of time, to write down the orders, prepare a FAQ? Bonnie appreciate that thought but there are other processes in play. Will have an opportunity on Monday to make it clearer.</p> <p>Trevor suggested having a companion document ready that goes out with the Orders – it will save a lot of questions/time that comes to the Health Authorities. Bonnie thanked the team for all they've done and the amount of support she has received from everybody.</p>
5. Testing guidance	<p>The final package is ready to go. It's currently sitting with Ian R's shop. s. 13 – guidance might be going out next week.</p>
STANDING ITEMS	
6. Media Briefings	<i>Not discussed on today's call.</i>
7. Round Table	<i>Not discussed on today's call.</i>
8. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 12:31pm

Public Health Leadership Call Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 20th, 2020 ~ 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Zoom Coordinates in Calendar Invite

Attendees:

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION
1. Welcome and roll call	Reka welcomed everybody to the meeting.
2. Approval of agenda / addition of items	No items were added to the agenda.
3. Follow up on Action Items from Previous Minutes	No action items from the previous meeting.
NEW BUSINESS	
4. Preliminary data from the UniCon Project	<p>The intention is to highlight the breadth of the data of the UniCon we have. This is data primarily from the Ministry and if there are some pieces of data that people want to add, let Jason know. s. 13</p> <p>In Population Health, some of the work done is to look at Mental Health compared to before the pandemic. Jason reviewed the data pieces with the table.</p> <p>If there are some areas where more specific analyses is needed, or key indicators that will be useful for modeling, please let Jason know.</p> <p>ACTION: PHLC to send suggestions to Jason of what else would be helpful to include in the project.</p> <p>Historical data is good but we want newer data to help us make decisions. What would be helpful would be the daily death numbers, more real-time data to monitor and to allow better decision-making.</p> <p>s. 13</p> <p>Some of the data cannot be displayed yet, the Ministry's instruction for that is under review.</p>
5. Relationship between COVID epidemiology and the economy	<p>Kate reviewed the key messages with the table by reading it aloud. This is a simplified illustration of the relationship between regional economy and epidemiology.</p> <p>Many countries with epidemic control during the first wave didn't necessarily accomplish that through severe restrictions. Instead of blunt lockdowns, they acted early and employed targeted public health measures.</p>

	<p>Maintaining epidemic control is a sustainable, long-term strategy that also protects and strengthens the economy. Kate made it clear that “maintaining” does not mean zero cases.</p> <p>An emphasis was placed on local economy – the economy is not positively affected when people buy more online. Even though local business are controlling the spread, they’re not being supported so much.</p> <p>Would it be helpful if we create a place where all these presentations live? Have a feeling that we’re all creating the same slides in slightly different formats. Sherri heard the suggestion and will make sure that happens. Non-branded slides so that people can use it.</p> <p>ACTION: Marianne setting up a SharePoint site where all the presentations can live.</p> <p>Can we put the “WHITE dataset, COVID-19 exposures among HCWs in BC” off until next week? Kate gave a quick summary of the document: an analysis was done in response to the ministry, to illustrate the source of the infection/transmission for health care workers. Kate can recirculate and the table can go through the results. Health and safety colleagues might be aware of this as well and she wanted to make sure the table is not caught unawares when other colleagues bring this to them.</p> <p>ACTION: Kate will make the document a little bit more formal looking.</p> <p>ACTION: Marianne to circulate to the group.</p>
6. Surveillance of COVID-19 on mink farms	<p>The document is coming from BCCDC. Veronic explained that a lot of outbreaks have been connected to mink farms in various countries. Mutations have happened when the virus was spread to mink and then back to human. Think it’s time to put in place a surveillance system to track the mink farms, and it is acceptable to do that. Veronic wanted to know how the roles and responsibilities will be distributed.</p> <p>Working closely with veterinary colleagues, and Perry suggested that it should be standard practice to have a surveillance system in place.</p> <p>s. 13 s. 13 pandemics. s. 13</p> <p>This is standard practice during</p> <p>As long as a surveillance system for the animals can be put into place, BCCDC can engage with the Minister. FHA is looking after the humans. Veronic can link Elizabeth in to the conversation with the ministry.</p>
7. Orders: Decision Making Discussion	<p>Brian reviewed the Oral Order Summary of November 20th.</p> <p>s. 13</p> <p>Ingrid wanted to know which document we should be referring to when looking online. s. 13 s. 13</p> <p>This document is just for your (internal) use. s. 13 s. 13 Website is clear on approval process, but Brian can check. s. 13 s. 13</p> <p>Murray wanted to talk about sports travel. s. 13 s. 13</p> <p>Althea s. 13</p> <p>About mask wearing in kids: s. 13 s. 13</p>

	<p>Daniele was thinking about coherence with other orders: people will be unable to invite another couple to have dinner at their house but they can meet that same couple at a restaurant and have dinner.</p> <p>Andrew Larder has been consulting with the MHOs about the Orders, and will be leading the conversation to discuss the improvements of engaging the HAs within 24-hours. The change we will see will not be within 24-hours, s. 13</p> <p>s. 13 By Monday we will have a much better idea of how the orders have landed. Will appreciate a discussion about the current state and then next step, or an opportunity on how to get support with the communications. It might be worthwhile looking at the process and talking about developing some rigor around it.</p> <p>The ideal would be to get Draft Orders to the table first, for discussion and “heads-up”.</p>
STANDING ITEMS	
8. VPs of COVID update	<i>Not discussed during today's call.</i>
9. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at

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Attachments: PHO Oral Order Nov 19 draft summary 1.docx
Importance: High

Good afternoon.

Attached is a preliminary summary of the anticipated main elements of the oral order to be issued today.

Note: These points are subject to change so are NOT final, and not to be distributed widely. The final orders are those that will be issued orally at the press conference, then published as written orders.

In addition there is likely to be mention of mandatory mask rules for people in indoor public places, with more details to come next week.

Thanks.

Brian

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND
SOLICITOR GENERAL

Emergency Program Act

Ministerial Order No. M425

WHEREAS a declaration of a state of emergency throughout the whole of the Province of British Columbia was declared on March 18, 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS face coverings, when used in addition to other preventative measures such as maintaining physical distance and using barriers, help to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS the persistence of the COVID-19 pandemic warrants a coordinated provincial approach to the use of face coverings in indoor public spaces;

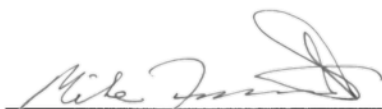
AND WHEREAS it is not possible for some persons to wear face coverings and I have taken that into consideration in this order;

AND WHEREAS section 10 (1) of the *Emergency Program Act* provides that I may do all acts and implement all procedures that I consider necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of any emergency or disaster;

I, Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, order that the attached Use of Face Coverings in Indoor Public Spaces (COVID-19) Order is made.

November 24, 2020

Date



Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *Emergency Program Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 111, s. 10

Other: MO 73/2020; OIC 581/2020

USE OF FACE COVERINGS IN INDOOR PUBLIC SPACES (COVID-19) ORDER

Definitions and interpretation

1 In this order:

“enforcement officer” has the same meaning as in the Violation Ticket Administration and Fines Regulation with respect to a person in a designated class of persons with the authority to issue a ticket in relation to the provisions of this order;

“face covering” means either of the following that covers the nose and mouth of a person:

- (a) a medical or non-medical mask;
- (b) a tightly woven fabric;

“indoor public space” has the meaning given in section 2 (2);

“operator”, in relation to an indoor public space, means

- (a) an owner or operator of the indoor public space, or
- (b) an employee or person acting on behalf of an owner or operator of the indoor public space;

“visitor” means a person who visits an indoor public space, but does not include the operator of the indoor public space.

Interpretation – indoor public spaces

2 (1) In this section:

“health profession” has the same meaning as in the *Health Professions Act*;

“health professional” means a person who practises a health profession;

“hotel” includes a motel, inn, bed and breakfast, hostel or other place in which rooms are maintained for the accommodation of the public;

“indoor common area” means the indoor area of a building that is provided for the common use of all occupants and invitees of the building, including lobbies, hallways, public bathrooms and elevators;

“perimeter seating” has the same meaning as in the Passenger Transportation Regulation;

“perimeter seating bus” has the same meaning as in the Passenger Transportation Regulation;

“personal service” means a service provided by a person to or on the body of another person, and includes services provided at a barbershop, beauty parlour, health spa, massage parlour, nail salon, tattoo shop, sauna or steam bath;

“post-secondary institution” includes an entity that provides any of the following programs:

- (a) an educational or training program provided under
 - (i) the *College and Institute Act*,
 - (ii) the *Royal Roads University Act*,
 - (iii) the *Thompson Rivers University Act*,

- (iv) the *University Act*, or
 - (v) the *Private Training Act*;
- (b) a program provided in accordance with a consent given under the *Degree Authorization Act*;
- (c) a theological education or training program provided under an Act;
- “public transportation vehicle”** includes a bus, train or ferry;
- “retail business”** means a business that sells retail goods, including a grocery store, clothing store, liquor or cannabis store, or sporting goods store;
- “service business”** means a business that provides a service, including
 - (a) dry cleaning or laundry services,
 - (b) insurance services,
 - (c) banking services,
 - (d) funeral services,
 - (e) personal services,
 - (f) accounting, legal, engineering or other professional services, or
 - (g) the services of a tradesperson;
- “sport or fitness facility”** means a place used for sport or fitness activities, including a gym, ice arena, pool, gymnastics facility, indoor field, fitness studio or dance studio.
- (2) For the purposes of this order, an indoor public space is any of the following:
 - (a) a building or structure that is used as
 - (i) a retail business,
 - (ii) a service business,
 - (iii) a restaurant, pub, bar or other business that prepares and sells food or drink,
 - (iv) a mall or shopping centre,
 - (v) a pharmacy,
 - (vi) a health professional’s office,
 - (vii) a place of public worship,
 - (viii) a sport or fitness facility,
 - (ix) a place in which a non-profit organization provides goods or services to the public,
 - (x) a place that provides cultural, entertainment or recreational services or activities, including a theatre, cinema, concert hall, arcade, billiard hall, museum, gallery or library, or
 - (xi) a conference centre, community hall or other place that hosts public events;
 - (b) the indoor common area of
 - (i) an office building,
 - (ii) a hotel,
 - (iii) a hospital,

- (iv) a courthouse, or
- (v) a post-secondary institution;
- (c) a taxi, limousine, perimeter seating vehicle, perimeter seating bus, vehicle used for a commercial ride sharing service or other vehicle for hire;
- (d) a public transportation vehicle;
- (e) the indoor or sheltered portion or a terminal, station or other location at which persons
 - (i) load onto or unload from a public transportation vehicle, or
 - (ii) wait to load onto a public transportation vehicle;
- (f) an airport, heliport or seaplane terminal.

Face coverings required in indoor public spaces

- 3** (1) Except as provided under section 4, a visitor must wear a face covering, in accordance with subsection (2), while inside an indoor public space.
- (2) A face covering must be worn in a manner that covers the nose and mouth.

Exemption from use of face covering

- 4** Section 3 does not apply as follows:
- (a) to a person who is less than 12 years of age;
 - (b) to a person who is unable to wear a face covering because of
 - (i) a psychological, behavioural or health condition, or
 - (ii) a physical, cognitive or mental impairment;
 - (c) to a person who is unable to put on or remove a face covering without the assistance of another person;
 - (d) if the face covering is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the person wearing it;
 - (e) while inside a courtroom;
 - (f) while consuming food or beverage at a location designated for those purposes by the operator of the indoor public space;
 - (g) while participating in a sport or fitness activity at a sport or fitness facility;
 - (h) while receiving a personal service, or a service at a health professional's office, if removing the face covering is necessary in order to receive the service;
 - (i) while inside a vehicle on a ferry.

Abusive or belligerent behavior

- 5** (1) In this section:
- “abusive or belligerent behaviour”** means abusive or belligerent behaviour by a person that is intended to challenge or dispute, or intended to disturb the peace in response to,
- (a) a face covering policy or face covering requirement, or
 - (b) another person's adherence to a face covering policy or face covering requirement;

“face covering policy” means the policy of an operator of an indoor public space in relation to face coverings;

“face covering requirement” means a requirement in relation to face coverings that is set out in

- (a) this order,
 - (b) an order made under the *Public Health Act*, or
 - (c) a COVID-19 provision within the meaning of the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act*.
- (2) A visitor to an indoor public space must not engage in abusive or belligerent behaviour towards
- (a) the operator of the indoor public space, or
 - (b) another visitor.

Compliance with directions

- 6 A visitor must comply with any direction given by an enforcement officer, including a direction to leave an indoor public space.

Order does not prevent further requirements

- 7 Nothing in this order prevents an operator from having additional requirements in relation to face coverings.

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FYI and likely more to come i.e. orders wrt masks in workplaces, condos and apartments.

See <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EMBC0061-001960>

Thanks to those who provided important input on short notice!

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND
SOLICITOR GENERAL

Emergency Program Act

Ministerial Order No. M425

WHEREAS a declaration of a state of emergency throughout the whole of the Province of British Columbia was declared on March 18, 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS face coverings, when used in addition to other preventative measures such as maintaining physical distance and using barriers, help to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS the persistence of the COVID-19 pandemic warrants a coordinated provincial approach to the use of face coverings in indoor public spaces;

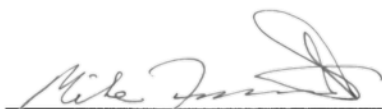
AND WHEREAS it is not possible for some persons to wear face coverings and I have taken that into consideration in this order;

AND WHEREAS section 10 (1) of the *Emergency Program Act* provides that I may do all acts and implement all procedures that I consider necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of any emergency or disaster;

I, Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, order that the attached Use of Face Coverings in Indoor Public Spaces (COVID-19) Order is made.

November 24, 2020

Date



Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *Emergency Program Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 111, s. 10

Other: MO 73/2020; OIC 581/2020

USE OF FACE COVERINGS IN INDOOR PUBLIC SPACES (COVID-19) ORDER

Definitions and interpretation

1 In this order:

“enforcement officer” has the same meaning as in the Violation Ticket Administration and Fines Regulation with respect to a person in a designated class of persons with the authority to issue a ticket in relation to the provisions of this order;

“face covering” means either of the following that covers the nose and mouth of a person:

- (a) a medical or non-medical mask;
- (b) a tightly woven fabric;

“indoor public space” has the meaning given in section 2 (2);

“operator”, in relation to an indoor public space, means

- (a) an owner or operator of the indoor public space, or
- (b) an employee or person acting on behalf of an owner or operator of the indoor public space;

“visitor” means a person who visits an indoor public space, but does not include the operator of the indoor public space.

Interpretation – indoor public spaces

2 (1) In this section:

“health profession” has the same meaning as in the *Health Professions Act*;

“health professional” means a person who practises a health profession;

“hotel” includes a motel, inn, bed and breakfast, hostel or other place in which rooms are maintained for the accommodation of the public;

“indoor common area” means the indoor area of a building that is provided for the common use of all occupants and invitees of the building, including lobbies, hallways, public bathrooms and elevators;

“perimeter seating” has the same meaning as in the Passenger Transportation Regulation;

“perimeter seating bus” has the same meaning as in the Passenger Transportation Regulation;

“personal service” means a service provided by a person to or on the body of another person, and includes services provided at a barbershop, beauty parlour, health spa, massage parlour, nail salon, tattoo shop, sauna or steam bath;

“post-secondary institution” includes an entity that provides any of the following programs:

- (a) an educational or training program provided under
 - (i) the *College and Institute Act*,
 - (ii) the *Royal Roads University Act*,
 - (iii) the *Thompson Rivers University Act*,

- (iv) the *University Act*, or
 - (v) the *Private Training Act*;
- (b) a program provided in accordance with a consent given under the *Degree Authorization Act*;
- (c) a theological education or training program provided under an Act;
- “public transportation vehicle”** includes a bus, train or ferry;
- “retail business”** means a business that sells retail goods, including a grocery store, clothing store, liquor or cannabis store, or sporting goods store;
- “service business”** means a business that provides a service, including
 - (a) dry cleaning or laundry services,
 - (b) insurance services,
 - (c) banking services,
 - (d) funeral services,
 - (e) personal services,
 - (f) accounting, legal, engineering or other professional services, or
 - (g) the services of a tradesperson;
- “sport or fitness facility”** means a place used for sport or fitness activities, including a gym, ice arena, pool, gymnastics facility, indoor field, fitness studio or dance studio.
- (2) For the purposes of this order, an indoor public space is any of the following:
 - (a) a building or structure that is used as
 - (i) a retail business,
 - (ii) a service business,
 - (iii) a restaurant, pub, bar or other business that prepares and sells food or drink,
 - (iv) a mall or shopping centre,
 - (v) a pharmacy,
 - (vi) a health professional’s office,
 - (vii) a place of public worship,
 - (viii) a sport or fitness facility,
 - (ix) a place in which a non-profit organization provides goods or services to the public,
 - (x) a place that provides cultural, entertainment or recreational services or activities, including a theatre, cinema, concert hall, arcade, billiard hall, museum, gallery or library, or
 - (xi) a conference centre, community hall or other place that hosts public events;
 - (b) the indoor common area of
 - (i) an office building,
 - (ii) a hotel,
 - (iii) a hospital,

- (iv) a courthouse, or
- (v) a post-secondary institution;
- (c) a taxi, limousine, perimeter seating vehicle, perimeter seating bus, vehicle used for a commercial ride sharing service or other vehicle for hire;
- (d) a public transportation vehicle;
- (e) the indoor or sheltered portion or a terminal, station or other location at which persons
 - (i) load onto or unload from a public transportation vehicle, or
 - (ii) wait to load onto a public transportation vehicle;
- (f) an airport, heliport or seaplane terminal.

Face coverings required in indoor public spaces

- 3 (1) Except as provided under section 4, a visitor must wear a face covering, in accordance with subsection (2), while inside an indoor public space.
- (2) A face covering must be worn in a manner that covers the nose and mouth.

Exemption from use of face covering

- 4 Section 3 does not apply as follows:
- (a) to a person who is less than 12 years of age;
 - (b) to a person who is unable to wear a face covering because of
 - (i) a psychological, behavioural or health condition, or
 - (ii) a physical, cognitive or mental impairment;
 - (c) to a person who is unable to put on or remove a face covering without the assistance of another person;
 - (d) if the face covering is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the person wearing it;
 - (e) while inside a courtroom;
 - (f) while consuming food or beverage at a location designated for those purposes by the operator of the indoor public space;
 - (g) while participating in a sport or fitness activity at a sport or fitness facility;
 - (h) while receiving a personal service, or a service at a health professional's office, if removing the face covering is necessary in order to receive the service;
 - (i) while inside a vehicle on a ferry.

Abusive or belligerent behavior

- 5 (1) In this section:
- “abusive or belligerent behaviour”** means abusive or belligerent behaviour by a person that is intended to challenge or dispute, or intended to disturb the peace in response to,
- (a) a face covering policy or face covering requirement, or
 - (b) another person's adherence to a face covering policy or face covering requirement;

“face covering policy” means the policy of an operator of an indoor public space in relation to face coverings;

“face covering requirement” means a requirement in relation to face coverings that is set out in

- (a) this order,
 - (b) an order made under the *Public Health Act*, or
 - (c) a COVID-19 provision within the meaning of the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act*.
- (2) A visitor to an indoor public space must not engage in abusive or belligerent behaviour towards
- (a) the operator of the indoor public space, or
 - (b) another visitor.

Compliance with directions

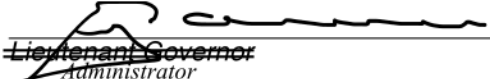
- 6 A visitor must comply with any direction given by an enforcement officer, including a direction to leave an indoor public space.

Order does not prevent further requirements

- 7 Nothing in this order prevents an operator from having additional requirements in relation to face coverings.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 593, Approved and Ordered November 24, 2020


~~Lieutenant Governor~~
Administrator

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the ~~Lieutenant Governor~~^{Administrator}, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that

- (a) the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act*, S.B.C. 2020, c. 8, is amended as set out in the attached Appendix 1, and
- (b) the Violation Ticket Administration and Fines Regulation, B.C. Reg. 89/97, is amended as set out in the attached Appendix 2.



Attorney General



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *COVID-19 Related Measures Act*, S.B.C. 2020, c. 8, s. 3;
Offence Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 338, s. 132

Other: OIC 262/97

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APPENDIX 1

- 1 Effective on the date this regulation is deposited under the Regulations Act, Schedule 2 of the COVID-19 Related Measures Act, S.B.C. 2020, c. 8, is amended by adding the following row after the row for item 23.5:*

Item	Column 1 Ministerial Order Title	Column 2 Ministerial Order Number
23.6	Use of Face Coverings in Indoor Public Spaces (COVID-19) Order	

- 2 Effective 90 days after the date on which the last extension of the declaration of a state of emergency made March 18, 2020 under section 9 (1) of the Emergency Program Act expires or is cancelled, item 23.6 in Schedule 2 is repealed.*

APPENDIX 2

- 1 Schedule 2 of the Violation Ticket Administration and Fines Regulation, B.C. Reg. 89/97, is amended under the heading “COVID-19 Related Measures Act” by adding the following as indicated:*

1	2	3	4	5
Provision	Contravention	Fine	Victim Surcharge Levy	Ticketed Amount
Item 23.6 of Schedule 2				
Use of Face Coverings in Indoor Public Spaces (COVID-19) Order				
section 3 (1)	Fail to wear face covering in indoor public space	\$200	\$30	\$230
section 5 (2)	Abusive or belligerent behaviour	\$200	\$30	\$230
section 6	Fail to comply with direction from enforcement officer	\$200	\$30	\$230