



Media Release

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Wearing face coverings to prevent the spread of COVID-19

The Grey Bruce Health Unit commends the public for their support of wearing face coverings to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Hand hygiene, respecting physical distancing, and wearing a face covering are the essential tools we can all use to limit the spread of COVID-19.

The Medical Officer of Health Order concerning face coverings was implemented in conjunction with the provincial Stage 3 re-opening on July 17, 2020. Asking people to wear face coverings is consistent with other health unit jurisdictions.

Exemptions to wearing face coverings allow for children under the age of two years, or under the age of 5 years either chronologically or developmentally unable to tolerate face covering, or refuses to wear a face covering; for people who cannot tolerate face coverings for any medical condition; or for any reason required under the Human Rights Code.

The provincial Stage 3 re-opening addresses the potential widespread transmission of COVID-19 by restricting indoor gatherings to 50 and outdoor groups to 100, subject to physical distancing of at least two metres with people from outside their households or social circles. These limits apply to all organized or spontaneous indoor and outdoor events and social gatherings.

“We urge our community and visitors to respect all provincial and health unit guidelines that are in place for our safety as we get out and enjoy the city’s amazing parks and open spaces.” Says Owen Sound Mayor Ian Boddy.

Actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are all about treating each other with respect and taking personal responsibility to successfully beat COVID-19 and get on the path to a healthy recovery.

See our website for more information and answers to [Frequently Asked Questions for Wearing Masks and Face Coverings](https://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/frequently-asked-questions-for-wearing-masks-and-face-coverings).

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