

October 16, 2020

To all Condominium Corporations within the County of Simcoe and District of Muskoka:

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) has been identified as a Stage 3 health unit and is subject to Ontario Regulation 364/20: Rules for Areas in Stage 3 effective July 17, 2020.

Due to the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Province of Ontario has mandated the wearing of masks or face coverings in certain indoor spaces at section 2. of Ontario Regulation 364/20.

Effective October 3, 2020, the common areas of multi-unit dwellings, including the common areas of residences that are condominium buildings, require that all people that cannot maintain two (2) metres physical distancing must use a mask or a face covering.

The Province of Ontario requires that all persons responsible for a condominium business or organization notify all persons frequenting indoor common areas as follows:

Persons who are not entitled to the exceptions at (a) - (f) must wear a mask or face covering in a manner that covers their mouth, nose and chin in any common areas of the dwelling in which persons are unable to maintain a physical distance of at least two (2) metres from other persons.

**Exceptions:**

- (a) a child who is younger than two years of age;
- (b) is attending a school or private school within the meaning of the Education Act that is operated in accordance with a return to school direction issued by the Ministry of Education and approved by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health;
- (c) is attending a child care program at a place that is in compliance with the child care re-opening guidance issued by the Ministry of Education;
- (d) is receiving residential services and supports in a residence listed in the definition of "residential services and supports" in subsection 4 (2) of the Services and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act, 2008;
- (e) is in a correctional institution or in a custody and detention program for young persons in conflict with the law;
- (f) is performing or rehearsing in a film or television production or in a concert, artistic event, theatrical performance or other performance;

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- (g) has a medical condition that inhibits their ability to wear a mask or face covering;
- (h) is unable to put on or remove their mask or face covering without the assistance of another person;
- (i) needs to temporarily remove their mask or face covering while in the indoor area,
  - (i) to receive services that require the removal of their mask or face covering,
  - (ii) to engage in an athletic or fitness activity,
  - (iii) to consume food or drink, or
  - (iv) as may be necessary for the purposes of health and safety;
- (j) is being accommodated in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005;
- (k) is being reasonably accommodated in accordance with the Human Rights Code; or
- (l) performs work for the business or organization, is in an area that is not accessible to members of the public and is able to maintain a physical distance of at least two (2) metres from every other person while in the indoor area.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership with public health in controlling regulated settings protecting residents, workers and visitors from COVID-19.

Sincerely,

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