

LOCAL HEALTH UNIT ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING FACE MASKS

GREY-BRUCE HEALTH UNIT:

Grey Bruce's top doctor, Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Ian Arra, strongly recommends:

- Retail employees wear cloth masks or other non-medical face coverings
- Patrons at retail settings wear cloth masks or other non-medical face coverings

When worn properly, masks or face coverings can reduce the spread of infectious respiratory droplets by preventing many of your germs from leaving your mouth and nose. This is useful when physical distancing is not possible in public settings, such as when grocery shopping. Wearing a cloth mask or other non-medical face covering is an additional measure and not a substitute for physical distancing and hand washing.

Non-medical face masks or face coverings should:

- allow for easy breathing
- fit securely to the head with ties or ear loops
- maintain their shape after washing and drying
- be changed as soon as possible if damp or dirty
- be comfortable and not require frequent adjustment
- be made of at least 2 layers of tightly woven material fabric
- be large enough to completely and comfortably cover the nose and mouth

For more information: <https://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/About-Us/News-Releases/ArticleID/622/Grey-Bruce-Top-Doctor-Recommends-Wearing-Face-Coverings>

WELLINGTON-DUFFERIN-GUELPH HEALTH UNIT:

In addition to Monday's announcement from the provincial government, Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph, is issuing an order under Section 22 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act to ensure our region is able to safely move to Phase 2.

The order requires all persons who own or operate a Commercial Establishment in the jurisdiction of the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit to:

- Prohibit Persons from entering the premises of the Commercial Establishment or remaining in the premises if the said Person is not wearing a Face Covering. The Face Covering must be worn inside the Establishment at all times, unless it is reasonably required to temporarily remove the Face Covering for services provided by the Establishment.

A Person shall be exempt from wearing a Face Covering on the premises if:

- The Person is a child under the age of two years;
- Wearing a Face Covering would inhibit the Person's ability to breathe in any way; or
- For any other medical reason the Person cannot safely wear a Face Covering.

For more information: <https://www.wdgppublichealth.ca/news/media-release-dr-nicola-mercero-issues-order-under-section-22-health-protection-and-promotion>