



CORPORATE POLICY		CP.6.1.11
Section	6	Facilities and Parks
Subsection	1	General
Subject	11	COVID-19 Masks in Municipal Facilities
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1. POLICY STATEMENT

This policy mandates the wearing of Permissible Face Coverings by members of the public who attend inside indoor public facilities owned and/or operated by the Town of Innisfil for any purpose to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

2. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to enact a policy applicable to Town-owned and operated facilities further to the instruction of Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, dated July 7, 2020, regarding the mandatory use of Permissible Face Coverings in indoor public settings.

This policy shall be enacted and enforced in good faith as a means of educating people of the importance of mask use in premises where physical distancing may be a challenge.

3. DEFINITIONS:

“Medical Reason” includes any medical condition, physical or mental disability or psychiatric disorder that prevents the wearing of a Permissible Face Covering, or causes undue hardship to the Person should a Permissible Face Covering be worn;

“Permissible Face Coverings” means a medical mask or a non-medical mask or other face covering, such as a bandana, a scarf or cloth (including hijab and niqab) that covers the nose, mouth and chin that provides a barrier that limits community transmission. Face shields are not included, but may be worn in addition to a Permissible Face Covering;

“Person” means a person who, for any reason, attends at a Town Facility at any time, including persons employed by the Corporation of the Town of Innisfil, InnServices Utilities Inc. or InnPower Corporation, but does not include a person exempted by Section 7 of this Policy;

“Town Facility” means any areas in a Town-owned or operated facility, including those facilities listed in section 5 of the Policy, that are open or accessible to members

of the public, but does not include the interior of vehicles operated by Uber and/or Barrie-Innisfil Taxi for the purposes of Innisfil Transit, facilities owned and/or operated by InnServices Utilities Inc. or facilities owned by InnPower Corporation or Innisfil ideaLAB & Library facilities.

4. RESPONSIBILITY

4.1 Facilities Staff shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the Policy in all Town-owned and operated facilities, other than those operated by Innisfil ideaLAB & Library;

5. APPLICATION:

This Policy shall apply to all members of the Public attending at any time and for any purpose inside facilities owned and/or operated by the Corporation of the Town of Innisfil, including but not limited to:

- a) Town Hall, 2101 Innisfil Beach Road
- b) Rizzardo Health & Wellness Centre, 7325 Yonge Street
- c) Town of Innisfil Operations Centre, 7253 Yonge Street
- d) Recreation and Community Centres
 - i. Innisfil Recreational Complex, 7315 Yonge Street
 - ii. Churchill Community Centre, 6322 Yonge Street
 - iii. Stroud Innisfil Community Centre, 7883 Yonge Street
 - iv. South Innisfil Community Centre, 1354 Killarney Beach Road
 - v. Knock Community Centre, 7756 10th Sideroad
 - vi. Cookstown Theatre, 1 Hamilton Street.

This Policy applies to persons employed by the Corporation of the Town of Innisfil, InnServices Utilities Inc. or InnPower Corporation.

This Policy does not apply to Innisfil ideaLAB & Library facilities.

This Policy does not apply to facilities owned and/or operated by InnServices Utilities Inc. or InnPower Corporation.

This Policy does not apply to the interior of vehicles operated by Uber and/or Barrie-Innisfil Taxi for the purposes of Innisfil Transit with the understanding that such spaces are owned and operated by third party entities who are also subject to the instruction of Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, dated July 7, 2020, regarding the mandatory use of Permissible Face Coverings in indoor public settings.

6. ADMINISTRATION

6.1 General Requirement

6.1.1 All Persons attending in a Town Facility for any purpose at any time shall wear a Permissible Face Covering at all times, except where:

- (a) the individual has indicated that they qualify for an exemption under Section 7. No disclosure of medical information shall be required to prove the application of the exemption; or
- (b) temporary removal of the Permissible Face Covering is necessary for the purposes of:
 - i. eating and/or drinking;
 - ii. communication with an individual for whom communication through a Permissible Face Covering may be impeded, such as an individual who relies on lip-reading;

6.2 Physical Distancing and Other Measures

6.2.1 Hand sanitizer shall be made available at all entrances and exits of Town Facilities for the use of all Persons entering or exiting the Town Facility.

6.2.2 All Persons attending a Town Facility will be asked to maintain a physical distance of no less than 2m while inside a Town Facility. Physical markers and reminders will be installed, where permissible, within the Town Facility.

6.3 Screening

6.3.1 Persons attending a Town Facility shall be responsible for self-screening. Those Persons who feel ill shall be advised to stay home and get tested for COVID-19. This requirement shall be communicated by way of signage posted at the entrance to the Town Facility and on the Town's websites and social media channels.

6.4 Signage and Communications

6.4.1 Signage indicating that Permissible Face Coverings are required shall be posted at the public entrance of every Town Facility notifying Persons of the requirements of this Policy.

6.4.2 The requirements of this Policy shall be included in the Town's COVID-19 Communications on the Town's website, and the website for the Rizzardo Health & Wellness Centre.

6.5 Non-Compliance

6.5.1 Where a Person enters a Town Facility without wearing a Permissible Face Covering or removes their Permissible Face Covering in contravention of section 6.1.1 of this Policy, Town Staff shall issue the

Person a verbal reminder that the Person should be wearing a Permissible Face Covering.

7. EXCEPTIONS

7.1 A person shall be exempt from wearing a Permissible Face Covering in the business or organization if:

7.1.1 The person is a child under the age of two years; or is a child under the age of five years either chronologically or developmentally and he or she refuses to wear a face covering and cannot be persuaded to do so by their caregiver;

7.1.2 The person is incapacitated and unable to remove their Permissible Face Covering without assistance;

7.1.3 Wearing a face covering would inhibit the person's ability to breathe such as, but not limited to, during moderate to intense physical activity (such as running) or activity that would preclude its use (such as swimming);

7.1.4 For any other Medical Reason, the person cannot safely wear a face covering such as, but not limited to, respiratory disease, cognitive difficulties or difficulties in hearing or processing information; or

7.1.5 For any religious reason, the person cannot wear a face covering; or

7.1.6 In emergent situations where wearing a Permissible Face Covering may jeopardize safety of an individual and/or the public.

7.2 This Policy does not apply to outdoor areas, whether or not they are roofed and/or covered, such as gazebos, etc.

7.3 This Policy does not apply to areas within Town facilities that are only accessible to Town employees.

7.4 This Policy does not apply to facilities owned and/or operated by InnServices Utilities Inc. or InnPower Corporation.

7.5 This Policy does not apply to Innisfil ideaLAB & Library facilities.

7.6 This Policy does not apply to the interior of vehicles operated by Uber and/or Barrie-Innisfil Taxi for the purposes of Innisfil Transit with the understanding that such spaces are owned and operated by third party entities who are also subject to the instruction of Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, dated July 7, 2020, regarding the mandatory use of Permissible Face Coverings in indoor public settings.

8. REFERENCES

- [Letter dated July 7, 2020 from Dr. Charles Gardner, MD, CCFP, MHSc, FRCPC to Employers of businesses and organizations \(including public transit providers\) in Simcoe County, the District of Muskoka, and the Cities of Barrie and Orillia on behalf of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit](#)
- [Letter dated July 7, 2020 from Dr. Charles Gardner, MD, CCFP, MHSc, FRCPC to the Councils and the CAOs of the municipalities in the County of Simcoe, District of Muskoka and the Cities of Orillia and Barrie on behalf of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit](#)

9. REVISION HISTORY

Revision Number	Date	Summary of Changes	Approval Authority