

CP.6.1.11

Section: 6 Facilities and Parks

Subsection: 1 General

Subject: COVID-19 Masks in Municipal Facilities

Approval Authority: CAO, Oliver Jerschow

Effective Date: April 13, 2022

1. Policy Statement

This policy mandates the wearing of a Mask or Face Covering that forms a barrier with the skin in a manner that covers their mouth, nose, and chin by Persons who attend the Rizzardo Health & Wellness Centre Common Areas for any purpose, to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

2. Purpose

To enact a policy applicable to the Rizzardo Health & Wellness Centre Common Areas in line with applicable provincial regulations under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act requiring any person in the indoor area of the premises of clinics that provide health care services to wear a mask or face covering.

This Policy shall be enacted and enforced in good faith as a means of educating people of the importance of Mask and Face Covering use to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

3. Definitions

“Mask(s) or Face Covering(s)” means a non-medical mask, medical mask, or respirator (i.e., N95, KN95) that covers the nose, mouth and chin that ensures a barrier that limits the spread of respiratory droplets when you cough, sneeze, or talk. Masks or Face Coverings should be made of at least three layers of tightly woven material (such as cotton or linen), be well-fitted and large enough to completely and comfortably cover the nose, mouth, and chin without gaping, fit securely to the head with ties or ear loops, and maintain their shape after washing and drying. Face shields, neck gaiters, scarves and bandanas are not recommended Masks or Face Coverings;

“Person(s)” means a person who, for any reason, attends at the Rizzardo Health & Wellness Centre Common Areas at any time, including persons employed by the Corporation of the Town of Innisfil, InnServices Utilities Inc., InnPower Corporation, or the ideaLAB & Library but does not include a person exempted by Section 7 of this Policy;

“Rizzardo Health & Wellness Centre Common Areas” means all publicly accessible areas of the Rizzardo Health & Wellness Centre, including but not limited to common corridors, waiting areas, stairways, elevators, elevator lobbies, washrooms, but excludes, premises leased exclusively by any tenants of the Building, the Horodynsky Community Kitchen, the Stewart and Betty Fisher and Family Community Room, and the Town’s Building Management Office.

4. Responsibility

- 4.1** Facilities Staff shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the Policy in the Rizzardo Health & Wellness Centre Common Areas;

5. Application

This Policy shall apply to all Persons attending at any time and for any purpose inside the Rizzardo Health & Wellness Centre Common Areas.

6. Administration

6.1 General Requirement

- 6.1.1 All Persons attending the Rizzardo Health & Wellness Centre Common Areas for any purpose at any time shall wear a Mask or Face Covering at all times, except where the Person 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.

6.2 Signage and Communications

- 6.2.1 Signage indicating that a Mask or Face Covering is required shall be posted at the public entrance of the Rizzardo Health & Wellness Centre Common Areas notifying Persons of the requirements of this Policy.
- 6.2.2 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.

6.3 Non-Compliance

- 6.3.1 Where a Person enters the Rizzardo Health & Wellness Centre Common Areas without wearing a Mask or Face Covering or removes their Mask or 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 Mask or Face Covering.

7. Exceptions

- 7.1** A Person shall be exempt from wearing a Mask or Face Covering in the Rizzardo Health & Wellness Centre Common Areas if the Person:

- 7.1.1 is a child under the age of two years;
- 7.1.2 has a medical condition that inhibits their ability to wear a Mask or Face Covering;
- 7.1.3 is unable to put on or remove their Mask or Face Covering without the assistance of another person;
- 7.1.4 needs to temporarily remove their Mask or Face Covering while in the indoor area,
- 7.1.4.1 to engage in an athletic or fitness activity,

7.1.4.2 to consume food or drink, or

7.1.4.3 as may be necessary for the purposes of health and safety.

7.1.5 is being accommodated in accordance with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*; or

7.1.6 is being reasonably accommodated in accordance with the Human Rights Code;

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

8. Revision History

Revision No.	Date	Summary of Changes	Approval Authority
V1	2020.07.15	Adoption	2020.07.15-CR-01
V2	2020.09.23	Addition of Exemptions	2020.09.23-CR-01
V3	2021.08.04	Amended to reflect O.Reg. 364/20 and amended letter of instructions from Dr. Gardner	CAO
V4	2022.04.13	Amended to reflect updated face covering definition and revised Ontario Regulations for COVID-19.	CAO