

NEWS RELEASE

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Face Covering Mandate in Effect Tomorrow

NORTH BAY, ON – The mandated use of face coverings in the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit’s (Health Unit) region comes into effect tomorrow, July 24, 2020, at 12:01 a.m. Face coverings must be worn in ‘enclosed public spaces’. This means indoor spaces of businesses, organizations, and services accessed by the public, including public transportation. Face coverings should also be worn in other spaces (indoor or outdoor) where physical distancing is challenging or not possible.

Information about the mandate can be found at www.myhealthunit.ca/facecoverings or for specific questions individual can call the Health Unit at 1-800-563-2808 option 5. The directive falls under the provisions of the province’s **Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act**

The Health Unit is encouraging the community to be ‘COVID kind’ and understand that not everyone can wear a face covering safely and may need accommodation and understanding. A face covering does not replace physical distancing and other protective health measures such as hand washing, and isolating yourself when you have symptoms and arranging for COVID-19 testing.

Currently, there is no specific treatment for COVID-19. It is important to remember that most people with COVID-19 have no symptoms or mild symptoms. People who are mildly ill should isolate and care for themselves at home. Most will recover in one to two weeks by simply treating the symptoms. For more information on COVID-19 visit myhealthunit.ca/COVID-19.

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