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Face coverings now mandatory in all indoor public places, some exemptions apply Municipal Bylaw in effect for a minimum of 30 days

(Fort McMurray, AB – October 26, 2020) – Effective immediately, face coverings are required in all indoor public places. This Municipal Bylaw is in effect because Alberta Health Services (AHS) has reported a total of 51 active cases of COVID-19 in the region, triggering this requirement within the Face Covering Bylaw. The bylaw will be in effect for a minimum of 30 days.

The requirement to wear a face mask expires at the end of 30 days only if the cases in the region are less than 50. Failing that condition, the mask-wearing requirement remains in effect for a further 30-day cycle.

For public transit, face coverings are mandatory regardless of the number of active cases of COVID-19 in the region.

Business owners reminded of requirements

Business operators/owners are reminded to display signage in public entryways of the business or vehicle that communicate the Face Covering Bylaw. The Municipality has developed these mandated signs, and they can be downloaded at rmwb.ca/facecovering.

It's important to show understanding and kindness to those who cannot wear a face covering. Exceptions to the Bylaw include:

- Children under 5 years of age
- People with underlying medical conditions or disabilities inhibiting their ability to wear a face covering
- People who are unable to place, use or remove a face covering safely without assistance
- People who are seated while eating or drinking at a public place that offers food or beverage services
- People engaging in an athletic or fitness activity
- People who are caregiving for or accompanying a person with a disability where wearing a face covering would hinder the accommodation of the person's disability (for example, the ability to lip read)
- People who have temporarily removed their face covering where doing so is necessary to provide or receive a service (for example, a visit to the dentist)
- People who are attending or leading a religious worship activity

For more information on the Face Covering Bylaw, please visit rmwb.ca/facecovering or contact Pulse at 780-743-7000.

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