



October 26, 2020

Dear South Bruce Peninsula Business Owners:

Re: Mandatory Face Coverings

Ontario is now in the second wave of the COVID19 pandemic. At this very critical time, I can't stress enough the importance of wearing face coverings in all businesses and indoor public spaces. Making sure that your staff and customers wear face coverings is one way to protect everyone from this virus.

Not only does the Town have a Mandatory Face Covering By-Law (By-Law 99-2020) but the Province of Ontario has enacted an Order making it mandatory that face coverings are worn in all public indoor spaces in Ontario. Fines under the Town by-law range from \$50.00-\$150 for not wearing a face covering or preventing, hindering or obstructing a person performing a duty under the by-law. Under the Provincial regulation, business owners are responsible for ensuring that there is compliance. Fines under Provincial regulation can be up to \$100,000 for an individual, up to \$500,000 for a director of a corporation and up to \$10,000,000 for a corporation.

We can all do our part by making sure that our customers and staff are protected. Please make sure every customer entering your store is wearing a mask and ensure your staff wear masks when dealing with the public and in any indoor space where the public is permitted. Please support your staff and community by putting up posters mandating your customers to wear masks. Provide hand sanitizer at store entrances and make sure that your staff wash their hands often.

Everyone working in our local businesses are extremely vulnerable and they are so important to the continued vitality of our business community.

PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYONE WEARS MASKS and MAKE SURE THAT THEY FIT PROPERLY (cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly around the ears).

Now is not the time for us to relax.

Thanks so much

Mayor Janice Jackson

Link to Town By-Law

<https://southbrucepeninsula.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/88541?preview=92228>

Public Advisory

There is a Provincial Order in place, effective October 9th, 2020, mandating the use of face coverings in all public indoor settings across the province, such as businesses, facilities and workplaces, with limited exemptions. For details, visit the [Face Masks and Face Coverings in Ontario](#). Also view the Grey Bruce Health Unit [FAQ for Masks and Face Coverings](#).