



WBC Face Covering Guidelines

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1 Purpose

Southwestern Public Health issued a letter of instruction for all businesses in Oxford County to mandate face coverings in enclosed public spaces. This document provides guidelines to WBC members with respect to face coverings.

2 Preamble

Respiratory infections may spread from respiratory droplets from infected individuals through coughing, sneezing, and speaking. COVID-19 transmission can occur even when someone is not showing symptoms. Using face coverings is a method of source control, but to reduce the risk of transmission, it must be accompanied with other measures including, physical distancing, respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene. Wearing face coverings has not been proven to protect the person wearing it, but instead can protect others. As such, requiring the use of face coverings in any enclosed public space where physical distancing is not constantly maintained is an important strategy to control COVID-19 transmission

3 Guidelines

Facial coverings are mandatory within our facility. It is the duty of all members and employees of WBC to ensure this policy is implemented and adhered to. The scope of this guideline is as follows:

1. Persons who enter or remain in the indoor public space of the WBC facility must wear a face covering that covers the nose, mouth, and chin.
2. Best efforts shall be made to ensure that persons entering the facility are wearing a face covering. Remind those entering the facility that they must wear a mask.
3. The face covering must be worn inside the WBC lounge at all times.

4. The face covering may temporarily be removed in the court area when members are competing or performing physical activity where wearing a face covering would inhibit the person's ability to breathe.
5. Persons who cannot safely wear a face covering for medical reasons (such as, but not limited to, respiratory disease, cognitive difficulties or difficulties in hearing or processing information.) are exempted from wearing a mask.
6. Visible signage indicating that face coverings are required inside the WBC facility will be posted at all entrances and exits
7. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be available for use of all persons

4 Face Covering

The term “non-medical mask” and “face covering” are often used interchangeably by the Government of Canada and Public Health Ontario. Wearing a face covering is intended to protect other people from your germs, and their face covering protects you from their germs.

According to Health Canada, face coverings should:

- be made of at least two layers of tightly woven fabric (i.e. cotton or linen)
- be large enough to completely and comfortably cover the nose, mouth and chin without gaping
- fit snugly to the nose, mouth and chin and secured to the head with ties or ear loops
- allow for easy breathing
- maintain shape after washing and drying
- be comfortable when worn so as not to require frequent adjusting
- be changed as soon as possible if damp or dirty

Masks with exhalation valves are not recommended, because they don't protect others from COVID-19 and don't limit the spread of the virus.