



CITY OF EDMONTON

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(CONSOLIDATED ON NOVEMBER 20, 2020)

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Edmonton City Council enacts:

PART I - GENERAL

PURPOSE	1	The purpose of this bylaw is to temporarily mandate the wearing of face coverings in indoor public places and public vehicles.
DEFINITIONS	2	<p>In this bylaw:</p> <p>(a) “face covering” means a medical or non-medical mask or other face covering that fully covers the nose, mouth, and chin;</p> <p>(b) “public place” means any property, whether publicly or privately owned, to which members of the public have access as of right or by express or implied invitation, whether on payment of any fee or not;</p> <p>(c) “public vehicle” means a bus or light rail vehicle operated by Edmonton Transit Service, or a vehicle for hire as defined in the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw, Bylaw 17400; and</p> <p>(d) “violation ticket” has the same meaning as defined in the <i>Provincial Offences Procedure Act</i>, RSA 2000, c P-34.</p>
RULES FOR INTERPRETATION	3	The marginal notes and headings in this bylaw are for ease of reference only.

PART II - FACE COVERINGS

FACE COVERINGS MANDATORY	4	A person must wear a face covering at all times while in an indoor, enclosed, or substantially enclosed public place or in a public vehicle.
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EXCEPTIONS

- 5 Section 4 does not apply to the following persons:
- (a) persons under the age of 2;
 - (b) persons who are unable to place, use, or remove a face covering without assistance;
 - (c) persons unable to wear a face covering due to a mental or physical concern or limitation, or protected ground under the *Alberta Human Rights Act*;
 - (d) persons consuming food or drink in designated seating areas or as part of religious or spiritual ceremony;
 - (e) persons engaged in water activities or physical exercise;
 - (f) persons providing care or assistance to a person with a disability where a face covering would hinder that caregiving or assistance; and
 - (g) persons engaging in services that require the temporary removal of a face covering.

- 6 Section 4 does not apply to the following places:
- (a) schools and other educational facilities;
 - (b) hospitals and health-care facilities;
 - (c) child care facilities; and
 - (d) areas exclusively accessed or used by the public place's employees or a public vehicle operator, provided that physical barriers or physical distancing practices are implemented between any person not required to wear a face covering by operation of this exception and any other person.

PART III - ENFORCEMENT

OFFENCE 7 A person who contravenes this bylaw is guilty of an offence.

FINES 8 A person found guilty of an offence under this bylaw is liable to a fine in an amount not less than \$100.

VIOLATION TICKET	9	<p>(1) If a violation ticket is issued for an offence under this bylaw, the violation ticket may:</p> <p>(a) specify the fine amount established by this bylaw for the offence; or</p> <p>(b) require a person to appear in court without the alternative of making a voluntary payment.</p> <p>(2) A person who commits an offence may, if a violation ticket is issued specifying the fine amount established by this bylaw for the offence, make a voluntary payment equal to the specified fine amount.</p>
COMING INTO FORCE	10	This bylaw comes into force on August 1, 2020.
REPEAL	11	This bylaw is repealed on December 31, 2021.(S.2, Bylaw 19491, November 20, 2020)

(NOTE: Consolidation made under Section 69 of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c.M-26 and Bylaw 16620 Section 16, and printed under the City Manager's authority)

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Amendments:

Bylaw 19491, November 20, 2020