

Mandatory Facial Covering Bylaw

What you need to know

BYLAW NOW IN EFFECT

The Mandatory Facial Covering Bylaw is in effect as of November 18th, 2020.

The Emergency Coordination Centre, with the support of Council, moved the community into the medium risk category following an increase in regional case loads. This also falls in line with the Provincial request to help reduce risk in our communities in order to prevent overloading the healthcare system and to avoid further restrictions.

The bylaw requires the use of facial coverings for all individuals over the age of 2 in all indoor, or substantially enclosed Public Place or in any Public Transportation Vehicle.

EXEMPTIONS

- persons under 2 years of age;
- persons who are unable to place, use, or remove Face Coverings without assistance;
- persons providing care or assistance to a person with a disability where a Face Covering would hinder that caregiving or assistance;
- persons consuming food or drink in designated seating areas or as part of a religious or spiritual ceremony;
- persons engaging in aquatic activities or physical exercise; or
- persons engaging in services that require the temporary removal of a Face Covering.

MORE INFO

The bylaw carries a potential fine of \$100 for a first offence and \$200 for subsequent offences.

Please note: While masking has been a polarizing issue, we ask that people are treated with kindness and consideration in true Edson community spirit both in the public and online.

The full bylaw can be reviewed at www.edson.ca/bylaws.

More information on proper mask use can be found at www.alberta.ca/masks.aspx

For the latest Edson COVID-19 updates go to www.edson.ca/covid