

June 12, 2020

DELIVERED VIA E-MAIL

Colleen Clack
Deputy CAO
Public Services
City of Guelph

Dear Ms. Clack,

Re: Use of Face Covering While on City of Guelph Transit

Thank you for your e-mail of June 12, 2020.

I am of the opinion, on reasonable and probable grounds, that face coverings will assist in decreasing the spread of COVID-19 for persons who use Guelph Transit.

COVID-19 is transmitted from person-to-person predominately through respiratory droplets that are released from the nose and mouth, through contact with contaminated surfaces and through poor hand hygiene. Accumulating epidemiological evidence indicates that the widespread use of Face Coverings by all persons decreases spread of respiratory droplets, and expert opinion supports the widespread use of Face Coverings to decrease transmission of COVID-19.

Therefore, I'm advising the City of Guelph to mandate that persons who use the City of Guelph public transit system wear masks and/or face coverings to decrease or eliminate the risk to health presented by COVID-19. Exemptions for individuals who are unable to wear face covering for health reasons, cognitive difficulties or young age should be accomodated.

Kindly advise if you should require anything further.

Sincerely,



Dr. Nicola Mercer, MD, MBA, MPH, FRCPC
Medical Officer of Health and CEO