



Safety Bulletin

COVID-19 Safety Protocols Update Masks mandatory when moving around inside facilities

As you are aware, COVID-19 cases continue to rise in BC and Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry has recently reiterated her expectation that British Columbians wear non-medical face masks while indoors.

Effective **Monday, November 9**, CMBC's face mask policy will include a requirement to wear a mask most of the time you are indoors. All previous face mask requirements also remain in effect. Our mask requirement applies to all employees, as well as to visitors and contractors at a CMBC facility or onboard our vehicles or vessels.

In summary, you are expected to wear a face mask:

- Inside any vehicle/vessel unless you are behind a physical barrier that is in the closed position; and
- Outside, in loops, exchanges or terminals, if it is possible you will interact with any person while there; and
- Inside any facility, unless you are at your own work area and able to physically distance from others, or unless you are in a room and you are eating or drinking

Below are some examples to illustrate how the new aspect of this policy will apply to you. Please note that these are just a handful of examples and the policy is not limited to only these areas:

Face mask **REQUIRED**

- Walking through a facility (e.g. bullpen, garage, office area)
- Riding in the elevator or using the stairs
- In a washroom, kitchenette, break room, hallway, or other common areas
- Interacting with customers/co-workers or in an area where there is a possibility of coming into contact with customers/co-workers
- Sitting in a meeting room or break room

Face mask **NOT REQUIRED**

- Inside a vehicle/vessel and behind a physical barrier in the closed position
- Sitting at a table in a break room or meeting room, eating or drinking
- Sitting/standing at your work area (e.g. office desk, Maintenance employee working on a bus with co-worker(s) at least 2 metres (6 feet) away
- Outdoors and able to maintain physical distance of 2 metres (6 feet)

You may choose to wear one of the reusable non-medical face masks provided to all employees or one of your own (ensure professional appearance). A face shield without a mask is not acceptable. Every one of us has a responsibility to work together to keep each other safe, and wearing a mask is one way you can help protect those around you. We are all in this together.

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