

COVID-19 Status update for November 30, 2021**Report Purpose**

To provide Council with a status update on the COVID-19 situation including an update on the Temporary Mandatory Face Coverings Bylaw 53-2021.

Recommendation

N/A

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Goal 1 - Build strong communities to support the diverse needs of residents

Goal 6 - Provide facilities and services that are available and accessible to residents

Report

Strathcona County Council approved Bylaw 53-2021 on September 1, 2021. This bylaw went into effect on September 10, 2021. The Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) Order 40-2021 went into effect as of September 3, 2021 which outlined province-wide masking requirements. The province has since declared a Public Health State of Emergency on September 15, 2021 and Order 44-2021 (September 23, 2021) has replaced Order 40-2021 and continues to outline public health measures today. Strathcona County continues to follow the COVID-19 provincial guidance. Public health restrictions were put in place to reduce impacts of COVID-19 on the health care system. Strathcona County Council approved entering into the Restrictions Exemption Program (REP). On September 20, 2021 the REP was implemented to support the expansion of resident in-scope activities at all County facilities.

Masking remains mandatory in Strathcona County through the application of Bylaw 53-2021 and CMOH Order 44-2021. CMOH Order 44-2021 includes additional restrictions including physical distancing, work from home and gathering restrictions. The Temporary Mandatory Face Coverings Bylaw 53-2021 for Strathcona County expires on December 31, 2021. An approach to follow a single provincial directive within the community is recommended.

SCEMA continues to monitor local COVID-19 infection and vaccination rates and the impacts of provincial orders within our community. This continued and consistent monitoring and application of existing measures will be used to support the safe continuation of services and provide social supports. Recommendations will continue to be brought forward that best support our staff, residents, and local business while holding community safety paramount.

Resources and information are continually updated and readily available on the COVID-19 section of the Strathcona County [website](#).

Council and Committee History

September 17, 2021	Special Council Meeting, COVID-19 Restrictions Exemption Program
September 7, 2021	Council Meeting, COVID-19 Status and Community Update
September 1, 2021	Special Council Meeting, COVID-19 Mitigation Measures
June 8, 2021	Priorities Committee Meeting, Situation Update on COVID-19
April 13, 2021	Council Meeting, Situation update on COVID-19
March 23, 2021	Council Meeting, Discussion on Temporary Mandatory Face Coverings Bylaw 46-2020

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Lead Department: Emergency Services

February 5, 2021	Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting COVID-19 Pandemic Update
November 25, 2020	Council Meeting, COVID-19 Situation update
September 15, 2020	Priorities Committee meeting, COVID-19 Relaunch update
October 27, 2020	Council Meeting, Extension to Temporary Mandatory Face Coverings Bylaw
August 6, 2020	Special Council Meeting COVID-19, Proposed Bylaw 46-2020 Temporary Mandatory Face Covering Bylaw
July 28, 2020	Special Council Meeting, COVID-19, Continued Response
July 28, 2020	Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting, COVID-19 Face Coverings
July 21, 2020	Council Meeting
June 16, 2020	Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting COVID-19
June 3, 2020	Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting COVID-19
May 5, 2020	Council Meeting
April 8, 2020	Special Council Meeting COVID-19
April 2, 2020	Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting COVID-19
March 26, 2020	Special Council Meeting COVID-19
March 26, 2020	Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting COVID-19
March 20, 2020	Special Council Meeting COVID-19
March 20, 2020	Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting COVID-19
March 18, 2020	Special Council Meeting COVID-19
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March 13, 2020	Special Council Meeting COVID-19

Other Impacts

Policy: N/A

Legislative/Legal: N/A

Interdepartmental: Organization wide approach involving all departments of Strathcona County coordinated by Strathcona County Emergency Management Agency (SCEMA).

Master Plan/Framework: N/A

Communication Plan

Internal and external information will continue to be communicated regularly to ensure the community is informed of organizational efforts.

Enclosure

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