### **COVID-19 Status Update**

Council Meeting November 30, 2021



### Agenda

- Current situation in Strathcona County
- Update on the Restrictions Exemptions Program
- Temporary Face Coverings Bylaw 53-20201



### Situation Update

- November 28 active cases 106 cases
- 52 deaths to date (+11)
- Outbreaks:
  - Schools
  - Other
- Vaccine eligibility
  - 00,000 (+4,000 5-12 years of age)
  - Strathcona County Health Centre
- Bethel Transit Station Assessment Centre
  - Planned to remain operational until March 31, 20222



## Restrictions Exemption Program Vaccination Rates

- Vaccination rates September 16:
  - First Dose: 86%
  - Second: 80.4%
- Urban Service Area:
  - 75+ 100% (+0.4%)
  - 60-74 96.2% (92.9%)

  - **20-39 83.5% (70.4%)**
  - 12-19 89.3% (76.0%)
  - 12+ 90.6% (81.9%)
  - Total 78.6% (71.0%)

- Vaccination rates November 28:
  - First Dose: 92% (+0.0%)
  - Second: 89.4% (+0.0%)
- Rural Service Area:
  - 75+ 94.8% (91.3%)
  - 60-74 93.3% (89.2%)
  - 40-59 81.4% (71.3%)
  - **20-39 78.4% (60.3%)**
  - 12-19 76.0% (59.1%)
  - 12+ 83.7% (72.5%)
  - Total 74.1% (64.1%)



## Restrictions Exemption Program Indoor Programming

- Indoor recreation and culture facilities usage:
  - Busiest we have seen our facilities
- Swimming at full capacity
- Recent Fall break programming saw an 87% fill rate
- Festival Place saw two sold out shows in November
- Hosted the World Junior Hockey Championship trophy tour
- Preparing for increasing usage of indoor recreation in January
- Transitioning to a hybrid REP screening model



## Restrictions Exemption Program Outdoor Programming

- Celebration of Lights
- Christmas in the Heartland
- Planning for New Year's event & the return of the Santa Convoy
- Ongoing preparations for winter activities:
  - Cross-Country skiing
  - Snowshoeing
  - Skating paths & trails
  - Boarded rinks



# Temporary Face-Covering Bylaw 53-2021

- Key timelines
  - Bylaw approved September 1<sup>st</sup>
  - In effect on September 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Auto-Repeal on December 31<sup>st</sup>
- In effect at all County
  - Public places & vehicles
- Fine
  - \$100

#### Complaints

#### **Enforcement Services**

- 9 x masking incidents
  - 1 x ticket issued
  - 1 x exemption letter produced
- 2 x REP incident

#### **RCMP**

- 3 x masking incidents
- 5 x REP incidents
- 4 x gathering incidents



## Masking Municipal Face-Covering Bylaws

#### **Calgary**

- Auto-repeal language updated:
  - UPDATED/REMOVED: 28 consecutive days below 100 cases per 100k (Nov 25<sup>th</sup>)
  - REMOVED: Auto-repeal on December 31st.

#### **Edmonton**

- Enforcing at city facilities only
- Auto-repeal language updated:
  - REMOVED: 10 consecutive days below 100 cases per 100k
  - REMOVED: Auto-repeal on December 31st. Council to review mid-December
- No other municipal face covering bylaws in effect



# Temporary Face-Covering Bylaw 53-2021

- Options
  - 1. Allow bylaw to auto-repeal on December 31st, 2021
  - 2. Remove all repeal criteria (Calgary & Edmonton alignment)
- Recommend Option 1

**NOTE:** CMOH Order 44-2021 enforces masking province-wide and will remain in effect for Strathcona County



### Questions



