



NEWS RELEASE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 FACE COVERINGS / MASKS RECOMMENDED

With the increase of COVID-19 cases in the Town of Claresholm, Town Council is extremely concerned about the health and well-being of our residents and visitors. At a Special Meeting of Council held Monday, November 2, 2020, Council discussed proposed Bylaw #1712, the Mandatory Face Coverings Bylaw. This bylaw was proposed to encourage people to “*wear a face covering at all times while in an indoor, enclosed, or substantially enclosed public space or in a public vehicle.*” After some debate, Council defeated this bylaw and will not be pursuing mandatory masks at this time in the Town of Claresholm.

It falls on each individual to act responsibly in order to protect yourself and those around you. Masks are still required for everyone who enters the Claresholm Arena and Claresholm Aquatic Centre as physical distancing is difficult in these areas.

Although not mandatory, masks are highly recommended in all public spaces in our community. Although the increase in the number of cases is concerning, there is no reason why our community cannot be diligent in our daily activities and work hard to lower our numbers back to zero active cases.

Council continues to function as a unit and is acting in the best interests of our community. Most importantly, let’s support each other and show compassion to our fellow man as we continue to navigate these troubling times. *Together, we are stronger.*

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Town of Claresholm