

E-Mail Received from Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton-Hills Regarding Section 22 Class Order (Face Covering)

From: Arnott-CO, Ted
Sent: June 12, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Nicola Mercer
Subject: Fw: Face covering order

As always, my staff and I are here to help anyway we can on matters involving the Provincial Government.

Since the outset of the COVID-19 public health emergency, all orders of government - local, provincial and federal - have been cooperating and working together. The health, safety and well-being of our residents have been the highest priorities.

We must all continue to heed the advice of our public health officials, including self-isolating if need be, staying home if we can, practicing physical distancing and wearing a mask when we absolutely must go out, and frequent and thorough hand washing. These recommendations are more important than ever, now that the Ontario economy is beginning to re-open.

We also need to look out for our neighbours, especially the elderly and those with a pre-existing medical condition or special needs.

We all wonder what the future will bring, and we all experience moments of anxiety. Some of us have lost loved ones. But we will get through this together, and we can show our caring and compassion to others and help them get through the stressful times.

And, we cannot thank our essential workers enough, especially those in health care and long-term care, food supply and distribution, local government workers and others.

The economic impact of the emergency is being felt deeply by our businesses, and many workers have been laid off. All orders of government have responded, and the announcements of new programs continue. Over the longer term, government, business and labour will need to work in concert to revive the economy. We can be confident that better days are ahead.

If you have the time or the means to do so, you can offer to help one of our local community organizations and charities, including our food banks, shelters, hospital foundations, and churches. They will continue to need our generous support for the important work they do.

For more information, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus>

I am aware that our Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Nicola Mercer, has issued an order that people must wear a face covering mask when entering a commercial establishment, to prevent the spread of the deadly COVID-19 virus. She has also ordered that there must be alcohol-based hand sanitizer available at all entrances and exits of such establishments.

The County of Wellington has expressed its support for the Medical Officer of Health's order.

As MPP for Wellington-Halton Hills, I have absolute confidence in Dr. Mercer's professional judgement and I support her fully.

A face covering means a medical mask or a non-medical mask or other face coverings such as a bandana, a scarf or cloth that covers the mouth, nose and chin. If you need help acquiring a face covering, let us know and we'll help any way we can.

By wearing a mask, all of us will help curtail the spread of COVID-19, which in turn will save lives.

If you have further questions, please call the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health COVID-19 Call Centre at 519-822-2715 ext. 4020, or

visit: <https://www.wdgpublichealth.ca/content/contact-us>

If you wish to speak to me personally, please let us know. Remember, we are here to help.

Keep well, stay safe and take care,

Sincerely

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