

September 1, 2021

Dear Mayors Brown, Thompson and Crombie,

Re: Extension of the Municipal Mandatory Face Covering By-laws

The Mandatory Face Covering By-laws for the City of Brampton, City of Mississauga and Town of Caledon are set to expire on September 30, 2021.

As of August 30, 2021, the region of Peel is seeing increasing incidence of COVID-19, driven primarily by the fast-spreading Delta variant of concern. Despite COVID-19 vaccination rates of 74% fully vaccinated individuals age 12+ in Peel, we have seen an 18% increase in regional case incidence to 38.7 per 100,000 in one week alone. Given the ongoing risks of COVID-19 to Peel residents, an extension of the Municipal Mandatory Face Covering By-laws is necessary to help reduce the impact of the fourth wave.

The Region of Peel – Public Health adheres to the mask guidance from the Government of Ontario and Public Health Agency of Canada's (PHAC). While there are no content changes required to the municipal by-laws, **it is recommended that the by-laws be extended through to March 31, 2022**, at which point in time we expect a higher proportion of Peel residents will be vaccinated against COVID-19, including a significant proportion of the currently ineligible 5-11 year-old population.

If you have any questions, please contact Louise Aubin at louise.aubin@peelregion.ca.

Sincerely,



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