

December 8, 2020

Dear Mayors Brown, Crombie and Thompson,

Thank you for your support in our ongoing pandemic response to protect the health and safety of Peel residents.

Due to the continued presence of the virus in our community and the high number of cases in Peel, my public health advice is that local municipal by-laws mandating the use of face coverings continue in force until **June 30, 2021**. We continue to closely monitor the virus in our community and will provide regular updates to municipalities to help inform Council decisions regarding the continuation and/or repeal of these temporary by-laws.

Non-medical masks/face coverings that cover the mouth, nose, and chin without gapping remain an effective public health measure in controlling COVID-19 at its source by preventing the spread of respiratory droplets that may contain COVID-19 from the wearer to others. This is especially important in situations where physical distancing is difficult.

It is my recommendation that local by-laws mandating the use of face coverings be extended by all local municipalities in Peel until **June 30, 2021**.

Your continued leadership and the continued practice of the four core behaviours by Peel residents supports safer reopening of our communities.

With my best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Loh', written over a horizontal line.

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