

Authority: Board of Health Item HL26.1.1,
adopted as amended, by City of Toronto Council
on April 7 and 8, 2021

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW 263-2021

To amend City of Toronto By-law 541-2020, as amended, by imposing temporary regulations requiring persons to wear masks or other face coverings within enclosed common areas of apartment buildings and condominium buildings.

Whereas COVID-19 is a disease which is present in the City of Toronto, is readily communicable from person to person and carries a risk of serious complications such as pneumonia or respiratory failure, and may result in death; and

Whereas the spread of COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020; and

Whereas subsection 8(1) of the Act provides the City with broad authority to provide any service or thing the City considers necessary or desirable for the public; and

Whereas the City has the authority to pass by-laws respecting matters related to the economic, social and environmental well-being of the City, and the health, safety and well-being of persons under paragraphs 5 and 6 of subsection 8(2) of the Act; and

Whereas physical distancing is difficult to maintain in enclosed common areas of apartment buildings and condominium buildings, the following temporary regulations require persons wear a mask or face covering as this is a necessary, recognized, practicable and effective method to limit the spread of COVID-19 and helps protect the health, safety and well-being of the residents of the City of Toronto;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. City of Toronto By-law 541-2020 is amended by adding the following new section:
 - 4.2 (a) Every person within any Enclosed Common Area of an Apartment Building or condominium building shall wear a Mask or Face Covering, in a manner which covers their mouth, nose and chin.
 - (b) Subsection 4.2(a) does not require a person to wear a Mask or Face Covering if they are subject to an exemption set out under subsections 2(a) or (b).
 - (c) Persons are not required to provide proof that they are subject to any of the exemptions set out in subsections 2(a) or (b).

Enacted and passed on April 8, 2021.

Frances Nunziata,
Speaker

John D. Elvidge,
Interim City Clerk

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