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***PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, S. Nu. 2016, c. 13***

**COMMUNITY MANDATORY MASK ORDER (#1)**

**HAMLET OF RANKIN INLET**

WHEREAS:

- A. The Minister of Health has declared a Public Health Emergency in Nunavut effective March 20, 2020 to address the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, and may renew this declaration every fourteen (14) days for the duration of the Public Health Emergency;
- B. Pursuant to section 41(1) of the *Public Health Act*, the Chief Public Health Officer may take certain actions, including issuing directions or orders for the purposes of protecting the public health and preventing, remedying or mitigating the effects of the public health emergency; and
- C. The Deputy Chief Public Health Officer has reasonable and probable grounds to require the use of non-medical masks or face coverings within the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet, in order to contain the spread of novel coronavirus COVID-19;

THEREFORE, the Chief Public Health Officer hereby orders the following:

**Part 1: Masks**

- 1. For the purposes of this Part:
  - a. “mask” means a commercial medical or non-medical mask or a home-made mask that covers the nose and mouth;
  - b. “public place” means
    - i. All outdoor areas within the municipal boundaries of the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet;
    - ii. All federal, territorial, or municipal government workplaces;
    - iii. retail businesses, or a building or room of a business where personal care services are provided;

- iv. food service establishments or licensed premises as defined in the *Liquor Act*;
  - v. places of worship;
  - vi. fitness centres, gymnasia, public swimming pools, arena, and other recreation facilities;
  - vii. theatres, public libraries, museums, and cultural centres;
  - viii. conference facilities, community halls, and other rental meeting spaces
  - ix. places where federal, territorial, or municipal government services are available to the public;
  - x. common areas, including elevators, of tourist accommodations;
  - xi. lobbies, reception areas, or elevators in office buildings;
  - xii. common areas or public spaces at schools and at Nunavut Arctic College;
  - xiii. public conveyances, including taxis;
  - xiv. hospitals, health centres, medical boarding homes, and long-term care facilities;
  - xv. airports;
  - xvi. all Courts, administrative tribunals, and institutions of public government.
  - xvii. common areas or public spaces at schools, except during school-based activities.
  - xviii. The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer for Nunavut, returning offices, and polling places for federal and territorial elections operated by Elections Canada or Elections Nunavut.
- c. “school-based activities” means activities associated with the delivery of an education program defined in the *Education Act*, and includes but is not limited to

- i. Travelling as a passenger on a school bus where students are seated in cohorts, seated in assigned seating for contact tracing facing forwards at all times, and where the school bus is disinfected between trips;
  - ii. Outdoor and land-based classes, where students are grouped in cohorts;
  - iii. Classroom-based learning, where prolonged contact between students, teachers, and school staff does not exceed ten (10) minutes at a time;
  - iv. Recess, in staggered and separated groups to avoid mixing of cohorts; and
  - v. Use of common areas and washrooms, where access to the areas is controlled to allow for appropriate social distancing.
2. All persons within the municipal boundaries of the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet must wear a mask while:
  - a. In public and cannot maintain 2-metre separation;
  - b. At their place of work;
  - c. Attending indoor and outdoor gatherings;
  - d. Receiving chiropractic treatments and massage therapy; and
  - e. Operating a school bus while students are present.
3. A person is exempt from the mask requirement set out in paragraph 2 if the person:
  - a. is less than four (4) years of age and their caregiver cannot persuade them to wear a mask;
  - b. cannot wear a mask due to a medical condition;
  - c. is reasonably accommodated by not wearing a mask in accordance with the *Human Rights Act*;

- d. is in the public place receiving care or being provider a service or while participating in an activity requiring the mask to be removed, in which the person may remove the mask for the duration of the care, service, or activity;
- e. removes the mask momentarily for identification or ceremonial purposes;
- f. is in a court, or a room where a proceeding or meeting of an administrative tribunal or institution of public government is being held;
- g. is consuming food or a beverage in a food service establishment, licensed premises as defined in the *Liquor Act*, theatre, or in any other location where food and beverages are being served;
- h. Is a worker or a child at a child day care centre;
- i. Is participating in school-based activities, subject to the specific directions and policies established by the Minister of Education; or
- j. Is a person participating in organized sports, subject to the following conditions:
  - i. Masks may be removed while persons are actively playing or officiating a sport on the playing surface, including but not limited to the arena, field, or diamond; and
  - ii. Masks must be worn while persons are not actively playing or officiating.

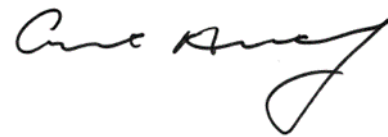
## **Part 2: Transitional and Enforcement**

- 4. Part 3 of the *Order Respecting Social Distancing and Gatherings* (#17), issued July 30, 2021, or any subsequent order respecting social distancing and gatherings shall have no force and effect in the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet while this Order is in effect.
- 5. Pursuant to subsection 41(1)(f) of the Act, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, municipal by-law enforcement officers, sheriffs appointed pursuant to the *Judicature Act*, the Chief Environmental Protection Officer and

Inspectors appointed pursuant to the *Environmental Protection Act*, and Conservation Officers appointed pursuant to the *Wildlife Act* are authorized to implement this order, including entering any premises other than a dwelling without a warrant.

6. Pursuant to subsection 41(4) of the Act, the peace officers listed in paragraph 5 may not enter a dwelling without a warrant unless the occupant or person in charge of the dwelling consents.
7. Failure to comply with this Order may be considered a breach of this Order issued under the *Public Health Act* and may result in penalties under the Act, which may include:
  - d. A \$575 fine for individuals; and
  - e. A \$2875 fine for corporations.
8. In the event of conflict between this Order and the *Order Respecting Social Distancing and Gatherings* (#17) or a subsequent territory-wide order respecting social distancing and gatherings, the terms of this Order shall prevail.

This order is effective at 5:00 pm CDT (UTC-5:00) on Friday September 3, 2021 and remains in effect for the duration of the Public Health Emergency, unless otherwise rescinded.



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Deputy Chief Public Health Officer