

Mandatory Mask Bylaw Survey Results

1. What is your position of an Airdrie bylaw for mandatory masks in all indoor places?

42% For

45% Against

13% Unsure

2. Is a mandatory face mask bylaw the responsibility of the municipal government or the provincial government?

37% Municipal

40% Provincial

22% Unsure

3. If the mandatory face mask bylaw is implemented, which conditions are important?

- A) The onus needs to be on the customer to comply, and not on the business to enforce. (ie - any fines would be on the person and not on the business)

80% Yes/True

20% No/False

- B) Businesses can choose to serve a customer even if they are not wearing a face mask.

52% Yes/True

48% No/False

- C) Businesses are not responsible for providing masks to customers.

72% Yes/True

28% No/False

- D) Exceptions need to be considered for restaurants/lounges (when customers are seated and eating/drinking) and exercise facilities (when clients are working out).

73% Yes/True

27% No/False

- E) Public education campaign on the benefits of wearing a mask/proper usage needs to be lead and executed by the City.

42% Yes/True

58% No/False

F) Mandatory face coverings needs to be a regional approach to be effective (other surrounding communities and not just Airdrie are participating).

33% Yes/True

67% No/False

G) People still need to be expected to physical distance and not rely solely on the masks.

77% Yes/True

23% No/False

H) What other conditions that should be considered?

- No mandatory masks! Take Self responsibility people!
- Our health is a personal responsibility. You're basically making citizens criminal if they don't obey. This is a slippery slope. We need to be encouraged to do the right thing and educated not forced into mandated paper masks.
- Provisions should be made for proper disposal of PPE
- My primary concern about masks is that people have stopped physically distancing and stores are no longer monitoring occupancy. While masks are beneficial, the key advice from Dr. Hinshaw remains that physical distancing is the most effective means of combating the spread, masks are just an additional layer of protection. I would like to see that physical distancing measures be reinforced or reinstated. Beyond that, I would suggest the age of the person needs to be considered, masks on young children should be exempted. I am in agreement with masks to a point, however, as a hearing impaired person I am really struggling to communicate and function in places where people are wearing a mask. Perhaps mandating that key workers wear a mask with a clear front thereby facilitating the hearing impaired community.
- We should stop making exceptions and be looking at creating workable structures. Such as restaurants, we don't need an exception for people to not be safe. We need a workable structure of how to maintain safety and eat.
- If this is implemented, what are the parameters and scientific reasoning for such; and when will the bylaw be removed - what is the measure to meet to remove the bylaw?
- Staff should be provided with masks, sanitizers, etc. and their use is up to the discretion of the staff member. Sanitizers should be made available for customers
- Esthetics services on faces need to be an exception
- I believe that Council should pass a bylaw requiring the use of face coverings in all indoor public spaces, not private indoor spaces.
- Asthma and other respiratory issues
- the well being of the majority of the population (the healthy people) to be able to go on with their lives uninterrupted. Simply separate the sick/elderly and let the other 98 to 99 percent of the people go on with their lives. The destruction of businesses, incomes, peoples sanity is going to be far, far worse than the virus itself.
- article on it as the virus doesn't care if you wear a silly mask rather you must use full face shield N100 masks and observe proper decontamination. The questions you ask are presupposed and have no scientific basis. I you do have a factual basis of corona virus transmission for your evidence, I would like to see it but all I see is Covid1984, a socialism virus and the drama

associated with it. Airdrie is jumping on the socialism band wagon and it hurts small business more than large business.

- City should consider providing free masks to businesses
- If someone really doesn't want to wear a mask, I wonder if a ventilator would be more comfortable. I have a shop where I supply masks and sanitizer at the door. I require the customer to conform. The safety of my staff is important. My shop is in Calgary but the issues are the same.
- There should be exceptions for individuals who have health issues that are exacerbated by mask wearing, as well as age minimums. If masks are mandated, they should only be mandated for workspaces where the 6-foot space is not available.
- Indoors for masks apply to businesses
- it needs to be up to the person if they choose to wear a mask not the government or business there
- masks should be supplied by the city or government that implements the policymaking, and exceptions for those with medical issues, also any health conditions in future that result from forced mask policymaking is subject to legal proceedings and even class-action suits
- People who cannot wear masks for long times due to health reasons such as asthma. No one has offered any information on the Carbon dioxide levels that we exhale and then re inhale when limited to mask wearing which in turn lowers our oxygen levels. This has negative impacts on anyone that is affected by lower oxygen levels in their body. Asthma is easily induced under these conditions. Possibly many more conditions.
- In situations where you can certainly maintain physical distance (eg. inside an individual office within a business) that person should be able to take their mask off, when in the office alone. If anyone else enters the space, the mask should then be put in place.
- Exceptions for dining are appropriate, but not exercising. Exercising is one of the times people should be using a mask given the risk of droplet expiration.
- In addition to mask and physical distancing, they should be educated on proper hand hygiene.

4. If the City of Airdrie implements a mandatory face mask bylaw, what is the anticipated impact on your business?

18% Positive

27% Negative

36% No Impact

20% Unsure

5. Please check all that apply to you

- A) Airdrie Business Owner

71% Yes

29% No

B) Airdrie Business Employee

24% Yes

76% No

C) Airdrie Resident

58% Yes

42% No

D) Airdrie Consumer

56% Yes

44% No

E) Other

9% Yes

91% No

6. Additional Comments:

- Thanks for the survey! Well done!
- No Mandatory Masks!!
- This has gone way too far. The evidence has shown that this should not have been deemed a Pandemic.
- People talk about the benefits of masks, but have people looked at the statistics and all the health issues with wearing masks as much as this would cause. It could be as detrimental to a persons health, more so then maybe getting the flu.
- All questions are if it is mandatory but I think it should refer how bad it is for health . Please refer to ppe expert not doctor since there is many different mask and that 95% of them are not protecting people. This decision should not be taken on opinion but on recommendation from the Expert. like the ppe expert.
- People have the means to obtain products and essentials via delivery and contactless pickup. Those that are susceptible to harm or worried to be, have the means to stay home. LA is turning off water and power on people that disobey, is that next for Airdrie? I wont like living here if it is.
- I don't think people wear masks properly in general which impacts how effective they are. Some people are against it completely and it will impact businesses if people don't want to wear them and therefore won't go out. I also don't think business owners should be responsible for policing it. It puts them in a difficult position and is not their job. It is also contradictory that masks are not required in restaurants due to eating and drinking but are required elsewhere. Obviously they can't be required when eating and drinking but to force someone to put it on to go into the grocery store then take it off when they get to a restaurant makes no sense.

- At the end of all of this, we will only regret the steps we did not take. I get you are trying to listen to all people's opinions, foresee results, and it delays taking action. I invite you to take decisive action and notice the result.
- The research says masks will ONLY work if everyone maintains 6 feet apart and washes their hands and take all the other precautions. I've seen people throw parties or bbqs where you have to wear a mask. If you do not keep 6 feet apart, the masks are mostly ineffective. I think masks give people a false sense of security, and will ultimately lead to more infections unless they are properly educated that a mask is not a shield.
- Be careful - this allows criminals to be braver, as they can cover their face, head and eyes (with sun glasses) and there is no way to identify them. This worries me for the safety of my team.
- We are not in favour of a mandatory mask bylaw.
- Until there is a solution/ cure/ vaccine to reduce/ manage the Covid-19 Pandemic Virus we ALL should take any precautions suggested by the Health Authorities from all levels whether municipal, provincial or federal, to protect the vulnerable, other people, as well as ourselves.
- I manage a seniors care home in Airdrie and the more that people wear masks in public, the more my residents can SAFELY navigate the community. They are the most vulnerable and need everyone's help in keeping them safe.
- Deena Hinshaw has been wrong on every count since January. If you did understand the little we know about it, you would have dealt with indoor air quality, a problem that has been lacking for a long time in building standards. Makeup air on public accessible buildings would make more difference than all the phony mask mandates but here we go on stupid with your presupposed solution
- Many people are visiting Airdrie from Calgary specifically because we do not have mandatory face mask
- Please don't! I have horrible lung issues and wearing a mask causes me to cough! If I cough because of a mask I will be judged; if I go to a store and don't wear one I will be judged and it will give reason for people to harass me while I am out shopping for food for my children! also, it doesn't protect you so it will give people a false sense of security and they will not social distance!
- Not sure if workers in a back shop are expected to wear a mask while working on peoples vehicles, which would be very tough, as it gets very hot in our shop.
- plus would be very hard up front with all the calls that come in.
- It is NOT up to municipality to make this decision. In addition we are 5 months into the pandemic, it wasn't mandatory before, what true reason is there to start masking now? And do the infection numbers in Airdrie warrant this? Absolutely not. In addition, this survey needs to be anonymous because all health care professional college bodies direct us that we are not allowed to have an opinion on this, hence why I have to have my name as anonymous.
- We cannot enforce mask use while exercising. I own a fitness facility and do not want to cause other health issues for my members while working. We are already enforcing masks upon entering the studio and exiting but not while working out. If it was to be enforced while exercising, I would lose members and be concerned for their safety even more.
- I feel that most people of Airdrie are already taking independent precautions and acting safely. I think for Airdrie to implement a mandatory mask bylaw the number of active COVID 19 cases should reflect the immediate mandate, right now I feel the active number of cases are low

enough to reflect the impact of the measures the population has already been taking. Free will is powerful. I think an educational media on benefits of mask wearing would naturally encourage more people to respond accordingly.

- Masks are proven to not stop the flu virus, this is all ridiculous.
- Masks have been mandatory at Airdrie Eyecare since April. We have had very little push back.
- It would be easier on all of us if masks were mandatory. It protects the business owners and workers as well as the customers