



PAROISSE ST-JOACHIM PARISH

86 Crawford Street, South Porcupine, ON P0N 1H0

July 22, 2020

Mandatory Use of Mask or Face Covering – COVID-19

1. Further to the Porcupine Health Unit's mandatory face mask policy and beginning July 23, 2020, visitors and employees in contact with the public are required to wear a mask or face covering upon entering and remaining within Saint Joachim Church or the office at the parish rectory. The mask or face covering must cover the nose, mouth and chin.

- a. The following persons are exempted from the requirement to wear a mask or face covering and will not be required to provide proof of such exemption:
 - i. Children under two years of age, or children under the age of five years either chronologically or developmentally who refuse to wear a mask or face covering and cannot be persuaded to do so by their caregiver;
 - ii. Persons with medical conditions who cannot safely wear a mask or face covering (e.g. due to breathing difficulties, cognitive difficulties, hearing or communication difficulties);
 - iii. Persons who cannot wear or remove a mask or face covering without assistance, including people who are accommodated under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) or are protected under the Ontario Human Rights Code, R.S.O. 1990, c.H. 19 as amended;
 - iv. Employees who are in an area of the premise that is not designated for public access, or who are within or behind a physical barrier (e.g. Plexiglass).**
- a. Temporary removal of the mask or face covering is permitted where necessary for the following purposes:
 - i. Consuming food or drink.
 - ii. For any emergency or medical purpose.**

2. This policy will be implemented and enforced in "good faith" to primarily educate people on masks and face coverings and promote their use in enclosed public spaces.

- a. Persons with exemptions listed under 1a) are not required to show proof of exemption.
- b. Signs about the requirement to wear masks or face coverings shall be posted at all public entrances.

- c. Persons entering or remaining without a mask or face covering will be given a verbal reminder of the policy's masking requirement.
- d. Make sure that all people working at the parish will be trained on the policy, including where and how to properly wear a mask or face covering, and how to help and respond to visitors who do not have a mask or face covering
- e. Ensure availability of alcohol-based hand rub at all entrances and exits for the use of all persons entering or exiting the establishment.

This policy has been created in compliance with the directive of the Medical Officer of Health under the authority of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) Ontario Regulations 263/20 and 364/20.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henri Touaboy". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name of the Parish Administrator.

Father Henri Touaboy, C.S.Sp.
Parish Administrator

Attached: Porcupine Health Unit's Instructions on the mandatory use of Face Masks.