

# MEDIA RELEASE

City of Williams Lake



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### Masks Mandatory in City of Williams Lake Facilities

Following the Provincial Health Officer Order effective midnight on November 19, 2020, visitors are required to wear masks or face coverings in all City of Williams Lake facilities. This includes City Hall, Williams Lake Regional Airport, Works Yard, Firehall, and the Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex.

The City will continue to provide a hand sanitizer station at the main entrances to its buildings, and asks that the public follow the signage regarding the use of masks.

Although facilities remain open to the public, the City continues to ask that, wherever possible, visits are limited to essential business only. We encourage the public to call or email the appropriate department listed below, and support will be given over the phone or electronically where possible:

- **Airport:** 250.989.4713 or [airport@williamslake.ca](mailto:airport@williamslake.ca)
- **Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex:** 250.398.7665 or [communityservices@williamslake.ca](mailto:communityservices@williamslake.ca)
- **Corporate Services:** 250.392.1772 or [corporateservices@williamslake.ca](mailto:corporateservices@williamslake.ca)
- **Financial Services:** 250.392.2311 or [finance@williamslake.ca](mailto:finance@williamslake.ca)
- **Planning/Business License/Engineering:** 250.392.1765 or [development@williamslake.ca](mailto:development@williamslake.ca)
- **Bylaw Enforcement:** 250.392.2311 or [bylaw@williamslake.ca](mailto:bylaw@williamslake.ca)
- **Municipal Services:** 250.392.1784 or [publicworks@williamslake.ca](mailto:publicworks@williamslake.ca)
- **Building Inspection:** 250.392.1765 or [buildinginspections@williamslake.ca](mailto:buildinginspections@williamslake.ca)
- **General Inquiries:** 250.392.2311

Council meetings will proceed following the guidelines of the Order, with limited seating and masks mandatory for the public. Employees will continue to practice safe physical distancing and sanitization practices, as well as wear masks in all common areas and where physical distancing is not possible.

The Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex continues to require masks in all common areas. All spectators are now prohibited from the Complex; this includes spectators in the ice arenas, fitness centre and aquatic centre. Sports teams travelling from outside of Williams Lake will not be permitted to participate in sporting events at the Complex.

Some high-intensity programs have been cancelled or postponed; registrants of those programs will be contacted or can call 250-398-7665 for more information. The ice rinks, aquatic facility, fitness centre and low-intensity programs will continue to operate and be available to patrons. The Complex will work closely with the Minor Hockey Association, figure skating, speed skating and Blue Fins to support a smooth transition to these requirements. The Complex will continue to follow its COVID-19 safety plan's policies to ensure that the facility can remain open and available to patrons in a safe manner.

The continued health and safety of staff and visitors to City facilities is a priority, and safety policies are reviewed on an ongoing basis to meet the requirements set out by the Provincial Health Officer and our provincial partners.

The City would like to thank everyone for their cooperation, and hopes that everyone stays safe as we continue to navigate COVID-19 in a proactive and considerate way.

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