

UNA Mask Policy (Updated: January 12, 2022)

For the health and safety of staff, contractors and visitors, and to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and in compliance with the [Order of the Provincial Health Officer](#), the University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA) requires the wearing of masks in all UNA indoor facilities.

The Order of the Provincial Health Officer requires people ages 5 and older to wear masks in indoor public settings, regardless of vaccination status.

The UNA is requiring everyone who is in a program with children ages 5 and older to wear masks in indoor public settings as well.

Masks are not recommended for children under the age of 2 but should be encouraged for children ages 2-4 in public settings.

Masks may be removed temporarily in indoor public places for the following reasons:

- While participating in a sport or fitness activity in a sport facility
- While consuming food or beverage
- While identifying the individual wearing the mask
- While staff are working in staff-only areas, except for when they are working in close proximity to others.

Masks are exempt for the following:

- People with health conditions or with physical, cognitive or mental impairments who cannot wear one
- People who cannot remove a mask on their own
- Children under the age of 5. (Masks are not required but recommended for children ages 2-4.)
- People who need to remove their masks to communicate due to another person's hearing impairment

Compliance and Enforcement

Individuals are asked to bring and wear their own face masks. The UNA will provide a disposable face mask, if necessary. Everyone is expected to wear their face masks as [directed by the BC Centre for Disease Control \(BCCDC\)](#) – covering the nose, mouth and chin.

This face mask requirement is a precaution in addition to (not a substitute for) physical distancing, handwashing, staying home when feeling sick or having flu-like symptoms. Please refer to the UNA Safety Plan for COVID-19 for other safety measures.

The UNA has taken careful considerations following BC Recreation and Parks Association, WorkSafe BC and BC provincial government guidelines in creating protocols to be able to operate safely. We are committed to providing a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment for

all visitors, staff and contractors. Our expectation is for everyone to behave in a socially responsible manner. Individuals not wearing a mask will be reminded by staff of the mask requirement. Accommodations outside of what's been stated above will only be made at the discretion of UNA staff.