

UNA Mask Guidelines (Updated: June 2021)

For the health and safety of staff, contractors and visitors, and to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA) requires the wearing of masks in all UNA indoor facilities effective immediately.

Mask Requirement

Wearing a face mask is an additional safety measure that can reduce the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus. Some exemptions will apply to this requirement, however, the UNA is requiring all individuals entering UNA indoor facilities to wear a face mask. This includes:

- Visitors participating in recreational programs or availing of services offered in UNA facilities.
- Employees and contractors working or providing a service in the UNA Main Office, Wesbrook Community Centre and Old Barn Community Centre

Face masks must be worn properly, 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 COVID-19 Safety Policies](#) and the [UNA Staff Safety Plan](#) for other safety measures.

Mask Exemptions

Those exempt from wearing a face mask inside UNA facilities include individuals:

- Who are five years old and under
- With a sensory disability
- With a cognitive disability
- With a physical disability
- With a chronic respiratory health condition
- Who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Who are unable to wear or remove a mask without assistance
- Who are unable to wear a mask due to trauma, anxiety or psychological distress

Those unable to wear a mask are asked to maintain physical distancing for their safety and the safety of others.

It is important to the UNA that individuals who are unable to wear a mask are not stigmatized or judged. Kindness, understanding and patience must be exercised especially during this time of adjustment and uncertainty.

Mask-Optional Activities

Some activities are considered mask-optional within their designated spaces while observing physical distancing.

These include:

- Children 12 and under programs (dance, music, martial arts)
- Adult sports when playing on the indoor court
- Working in a personal office/workstation
- Other situations at the discretion of the program instructor/UNA staff

Individuals who choose to remove their face masks are asked to put them back on when they leave their personal office/workstation.

Individuals are welcome to wear a mask while participating in mask-optional activities.

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 properly. [Posters](#) on how to wear a face mask from the BCCDC can be found around UNA facilities for reference.

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.