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## News Release

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### Masks required at District-operated facilities in Lake Country

**Lake Country, BC** – Effective Monday, November 9, a non-medical mask or face covering to cover the mouth and nose will be required to be worn in all indoor District-operated facilities. This includes, Lake Country Municipal Hall, Creekside Theatre, Winfield Arena, Beasley Community Centre and the Wastewater Treatment Plant/Septage handling facility as well as the Municipal Hall lobby access to the Lake Country Library branch of the ORL. The Camp Road Public Works office and Fire Administration building remain closed to the public.

The expectation that a mask will be worn by all citizens, contractors and service providers visiting a District facility, is part of the enhanced safety protocol which already includes hand-sanitizing stations, physical distancing, directional signage and traffic flow, plexiglass barriers and reduced meeting room and Council Chamber occupancy.

Masks are required when entering public facilities and when moving through shared spaces like lobbies, hallways, as well as arena changerooms and spectator areas for one parent/care giver per participant. The occupancy of each building is determined by physical distancing requirements.

Unless a barrier is in place, District staff will wear masks when interacting with the public both indoors and when in close physical proximity outdoors.

The District of Lake Country's top priority is the health and safety of our citizens, visitors and employees. In response to the COVID-19 situation in BC, the District has implemented updated measures to maintain municipal services, help contain the spread of infection in our community, and continue providing a healthy and safe work environment for our staff.

Please continue to stay home if you are sick or feeling unwell; avoid large gatherings; and keep 2 m apart from others that are not part of your household. The District continues to follow the lead of the Provincial Health Officer and work with Interior Health to address the COVID-19 situation locally. The enhancement to District COVID-19 safety protocols follows recent recommendations of the Provincial Health Officer around mask use in indoor public spaces.

Whenever possible, the public is encouraged to do business with the District online at [lakecountry.bc.ca](http://lakecountry.bc.ca) or by phone at 250-766-5650. Customers requiring specialized services like development applications and building inspections should continue to arrange appointments with staff by phone, online form, or email. A department directory is available at [lakecountry.bc.ca/contactus](http://lakecountry.bc.ca/contactus).

Stay strong, support local businesses and keep following public health orders to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

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