

E-Mail Received from Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton-Hills in Response to WDGPH Letter to Premier of Ontario, Minister of Health & Chief Medical Officer of Health re Provincial Approach for Face Coverings

The Hon. Doug Ford
Premier

The Hon. Christine Elliott
Minister of Health

Dear Premier and Minister,

Please find attached a copy of a letter that you may have already received from George Bridge, Chair of the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH) Board of Health, in regard to mandatory face coverings across Ontario.

As outlined, the WDGPH Board is requesting a consistent provincial approach to standardize the requirement of face coverings in high-risk settings across the province. This will alleviate confusion for the public, as there are some differences in bylaws, orders and instructions between geographic areas. Also enforcement falls to regional public health or municipal governments, which further highlights the current fragmented approach.

As I'm sure you are aware on June 12, 2020, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Nicola Mercer, issued an order that people must wear a face covering mask when entering a commercial establishment, to prevent the spread of the deadly COVID-19 virus.

The County of Wellington has expressed its support for the Medical Officer of Health's order, and as MPP for Wellington-Halton Hills, I have absolute confidence in Dr. Mercer's professional judgement and I support her fully.

By wearing a mask, all of us will help curtail the spread of COVID-19, which in turn will save lives.

I would appreciate your review of the WDGPH Board of Health's request. Please respond directly to Mr. Bridge and send a copy of your reply to our Wellington-Halton Hills Provincial Riding Office.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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