

## Options for Repealing the Temporary COVID-19 Face Coverings Bylaw

Option	Description	Rationale	Risk
1	Return to Council on 2021 July 26 to repeal of the Face Coverings Bylaw on 2021 July 31 if vaccination rates and COVID-19 cases and hospitalization are trending in the right direction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aligns with Stage 3 of the <i>Open for Summer Plan</i> metrics including the hospitalization rate and is endorsed by the Province Medical Officer of Health.</li> <li>Provides time for recently eligible Calgarians to receive their first and second dose of vaccine.</li> <li>Supports citizens and businesses in reopening activities that welcome visitors to our city while keeping a low impact measure to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.</li> <li>Affords time to ensure the lifting of provincial restrictions do not lead to a resurgence in COVID-19.</li> <li>Anticipates that Calgarians will demonstrate high compliance with the bylaw without a provincial mandate, as they have done previously.</li> <li>Allows a better understanding of B.1.617 (Delta) variant, where the Calgary Zone has seen the most cases in Alberta.</li> <li>Addresses the 80% of Calgarians who are more willing to be in public because of the face coverings bylaw, and the 60% that find it stressful to be in public spaces during the pandemic.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May create confusion if the Face Coverings Bylaw remains in place when the provincial restriction is lifted.</li> <li>Potential reputational risk if Calgarians believe further restrictions are not needed.</li> <li>The Government of Alberta may take steps to invalidate the Face Coverings Bylaw.</li> </ul>
2	Repeal the Face Coverings Bylaw in alignment with Stage 3 of the <i>Open for Summer Plan</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Considers COVID-19 metrics that are a part of the <i>Open for Summer Plan</i>, including the hospitalization rate and is endorsed by the Province Medical Officer of Health.</li> <li>Aligns with repeal criteria identified in previous reports.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <i>Open for Summer Plan</i> is provincial in scope with no local considerations. Does not account for Calgary-specific activities, metrics or public sentiment.</li> <li>No other safeguards if Stage 3 vaccination rates are not sufficient to mitigate spread of COVID-19.</li> <li>Potential reputational risk if Calgarians believe bylaw was repealed too soon.</li> </ul>
3	Repeal the Face Coverings Bylaw when 75 per cent of eligible Calgarians have received a full COVID-19 vaccination series.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aligns with advice from the Public Health Agency of Canada on when it would be appropriate to lift restrictions including mandatory face coverings.</li> <li>Supports citizens and businesses in reopening activities that welcome visitors to our city while keeping a low impact measure to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 75 per cent threshold may not be achieved in Calgary.</li> <li>May create confusion if the Face Coverings Bylaw remains in place when the provincial restriction is lifted.</li> <li>Reliant on Government of Alberta for relevant metrics.</li> <li>Potential reputational risk if Calgarians believe further restrictions are not needed.</li> <li>The Government of Alberta may take steps to invalidate the Face Coverings Bylaw.</li> </ul>

4	No amendments to existing Council direction to repeal or amend the Face Coverings Bylaw no later than 2021 December.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aligns with previous Council direction.</li><li>• Aligns with previously established expectations, in the absence of consensus between the provincial and federal governments as to the appropriate metric(s) to repeal face covering requirements..</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May create confusion if the Face Coverings Bylaw remains in place when the provincial restriction is lifted.</li><li>• Does not align with metrics recommended by either the provincial or federal governments.</li><li>• Potential reputational risk if Calgarians believe further restrictions are not needed.</li><li>• The Government of Alberta may take steps to invalidate the Face Coverings Bylaw.</li></ul>
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