

Options for Repealing the Temporary COVID-19 Face Coverings Bylaw

Option	Description	Rationale	Risk
1	Repeal the Face Coverings Bylaw and develop a face coverings policy for publicly accessible City-owned and operated facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responds to Council Direction. • Aligns with Stage 3 of the <i>Open for Summer Plan</i> metrics including the hospitalization rate and is endorsed by Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health. • Considers trends in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Local second doses of vaccines; ○ Infection rates; ○ Hospitalizations and Intensive Care Unit rates; and ○ COVID-19 positivity rates • Provides The City with the ability to maintain face covering measures for publicly accessible City facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No other municipal safeguards if Stage 3 requirements are insufficient to mitigate spread of COVID-19. • No municipal influence over penalties/peace officer authorities.
2	Limit the Face Coverings Bylaw to public spaces operated by The City and public vehicles. Repeal once the Health Order requiring face coverings in remaining restrictions is rescinded.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains the bylaw in buildings and facilities operated by The City of Calgary. • Maintains City of Calgary support for continued face coverings to protect patrons and staff. • Establishes an example for local organizations considering requiring face coverings after Stage 3 of the <i>Reopen for Summer Plan</i>. • Maintains municipal oversight of fine minimums and enforcement and reduces fine amount. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No defined end date. • Aligning bylaw repeal with Health Order being rescinded may result in lack of clarity and/or further amendments if Health Order is modified or replaced rather than being rescinded. • Bylaw creation is unique to the municipality, may be seen as providing a protection to City patrons/staff without affording protection to local organizations wanting the same. • May be perceived as using a bylaw to achieve goals that could be accomplished without enforcement (workplace controls or policy).