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Covid-19 – Stage 3 Businesses Re-Opening

As of Monday, July 13, 2020, the area served by Public Health Sudbury and Districts will enter Stage 3 of the Covid-19 pandemic. This means more businesses will be allowed to open under the safety guidance of public health advice.

Owners and operators must have a face covering policy and post appropriate visible signage indicating that face coverings are required inside the premises.

1. They must implement their policy using best practices, including informing clients of the importance of face covers to protect others.
2. There is not a need for a business to turn away their customer to achieve best practice. The policy should be enacted and enforced in “good faith” and used to educate people on face covering use. The final decision is up to the business on whether or not a customer not wearing a face covering can enter the premises.
3. A face covering means a medical or non-medical mask or other face covering such as a bandana or scarf the covers the mouth and nose.
4. Certain exemptions for the requirement apply, such as children under 2 years of age or under 5 years of age who can not be persuaded to wear a mask, health or ability or cultural or religious reasons. No proof of exemption is required.

In addition to face coverings, the following remains in effect as well.

1. Physical distancing – Employers must ensure to the fullest extent possible that effective measures are in place to maintain physical distancing of at least 2 metres amongst workers and customers.
2. Screening – Implementing screening practices for workers and customers, including requiring those who are ill to stay home and be advised to be tested for COVID-19.
3. Hand Sanitizer – Alcohol-based hand sanitizer must be made available at all entrances and exits.
4. Training – Ensure that all workers are trained on your company policies and expectations.
5. Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of all surfaces

As Ontarian's we're seeing less new COVID-19 cases in Ontario every day, but as workers head back to work there is still the risk of a second wave. NSS wants to help you minimize this possibility in your company through simple, effective steps. Our health and safety consultants will assess your workplace and provide a full report about where your company is at in regards to health and safety and which areas require improvement.



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