



Media Release

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Masks to be a personal choice in RDCK facilities

Nelson, BC: Following today's announcement from the British Columbia Provincial Health Officer (PHO), the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) will no longer require masks to be worn by members of the public in any of its offices or facilities effective Friday, March 11, 2022. The PHO based this decision on B.C.'s lowered hospitalization and transmission rates.

Today's announcement applies to members of the public accessing RDCK offices and facilities; however it is still the responsibility of the RDCK to determine what is appropriate to ensure the health and safety of its staff. As a result, staff will continue to follow masking and proof of vaccination guidelines set by the RDCK Board of Directors and RDCK management. Please respect the fact staff will be wearing masks even if members of the public are not required to do so.

Some members of the public may also continue to wear masks. This is their personal choice, and should be respected.

"We appreciate the public's commitment to ensuring the health and safety, not only of our employees and volunteers, but the community at large, when using our facilities since these mandates were originally implemented," said Stuart Horn, RDCK Chief Administrative Officer. "While the RDCK looks forward to seeing more smiling faces at all our facilities, we also recognize that some people will feel more comfortable wearing masks."

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

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