

DEPUTATION IN WRITING

REGIONAL COUNCIL

JULY 9, 2020

Subject: Please vote to make the wearing of masks mandatory in York Region

Spokesperson: Joyce Deutsch

Name of Group or person(s) being represented (if applicable):

Brief summary of issue or purpose of deputation:

Hi Mr Emmerson,

This is a no-brainer, there is talk that it might even be spread with smaller droplets caused by merely breathing.

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/scientists-warn-of-overlooked-danger-from-coronavirus-spreading-airborne-microdroplets-1.5012340>

However, there are signs that the smallest microdroplets can travel beyond the two-metre limit. One American study found that they can [move three metres in 12 seconds](#), and a fourth metre as they linger in the air for up to a minute. Morawska said that there is significant evidence that microdroplets can travel even farther – into the tens of metres – especially when indoors. “Studies by the signatories and other scientists have demonstrated beyond any reasonable doubt that viruses are exhaled in microdroplets small enough to remain aloft in the air and pose a risk of exposure beyond [one to two metres] by an infected person,” she said. “Hand-washing and social distancing are appropriate, but ... insufficient to provide protection from virus-carrying respiratory microdroplets released into the air by infected people.”

We need masks to be worn in indoor public spaces and in outdoor spaces where social distancing can't be maintained.

Enforcement with a strong fine will bring compliance.

This is a public health pandemic.

Do the right thing and follow the lead of many other municipalities in Ontario in making the wearing of masks mandatory.

Thank-you,
Joyce Deutsch

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