



## Media Release

# Town of Midland further adjusts to remaining Face Mask Measures Lifting on Public Transit effective June 11, 2022

### For Immediate Release

(June 10, 2022 - Midland ON) The Province has announced that most of the remaining mask mandates in effect in Ontario will be lifted as of 12:00 a.m. Saturday June 11, 2022. The Town of Midland, in-line with Public Health guidelines, is making further adjustments to our services and face masks will no longer be mandatory on Mid-Pen Transit buses. However, masks are recommended, and Mid-Pen Transit riders are encouraged to continue to wear face masks if they wish, and everyone's right to choose will be respected.

The Province's Chief Medical Officer of Health issued the following statement on Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup>, "With high vaccination rates and Ontario's COVID-19 situation continuing to improve, most of the Province's remaining provincial masking requirements, including on public transit, will expire as of 12:00 a.m. on June 11, 2022."

"With Ontario's Best Butter Tart Festival set to take place on Saturday June 11, 2022, many Festival-goers are expected to take advantage of the free shuttle buses to the event," said Jim Reichheld, Fleet, Facilities & Assets Supervisor. "The Town encourages face masks continue to be worn on the shuttles to enhance visitor safety throughout the day."

The Province is still requiring face masks in long-term care and retirement homes to provide an additional layer of protection for the most vulnerable. The province is also recommending that masking continue in higher risk congregate living settings, such as shelters and group homes. Area hospitals will still require masking.

The Town of Midland will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and provide updates on our website at [Midland.ca/COVID-19](https://Midland.ca/COVID-19), and we encourage residents to follow our social media channels for updates as well, [@MidlandON](https://twitter.com/MidlandON) on Twitter, and [@townofmidland](https://facebook.com/townofmidland) on Facebook.

For more information on the state of COVID-19 in our area, please contact the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit their website at [simcoemuskokahealth.org](https://simcoemuskokahealth.org).

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**About Mid-Pen Transit:** *Midland-Penetanguishene Transit Service* is a shared service providing public transit on fixed routes within the Town of Midland and the Town of Penetanguishene.