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**Subject:** Indoor mask by-law

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Good morning,

We are pleased to support the indoor mask by-law proposed to Council for consideration on Friday, July 17. With our long history of supporting children, youth, and families in Hamilton who frequently face health, economic, and participatory barriers, Boys and Girls Clubs of Hamilton sees such a by-law as a reasonable, effective, and increasingly evidence-based approach to slowing the spread of the pandemic in our community. We also believe this will help to reduce health risks for the families we serve, particularly in lower income neighbourhoods where people are significantly less likely to be able to work from home and who are disproportionately exposed to the public in retail and similar sectors.

While we applaud the inclusion of both child care facilities and schools as exemptions from the by-law, we are asking for the explicit inclusion of both day camps and authorized recreation after-school programs (as defined under the Child Care and Early Years Act and funded through the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Cultural Industries' Ontario After School Program) as exemptions. Each of these program settings is governed by COVID guidance documents from the Province and they are both structured with cohorts, screening, and cleaning mirroring those of licenced child care.

We appreciate Council's consideration of these revisions to the by-law and wholeheartedly support its effective implementation.

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