

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I am a senior living in a high rise on Kendale Crt. and would like to see Hamilton Council follow the lead of several other jurisdictions and legislate the wearing of masks in public areas of apartment buildings and condos.

The property management company that operates 21 (and 11) Kendale Crt. has recently posted signs indicating that because of Covid-19 masks are required to be worn in all common areas. However, I encounter tenants on a daily basis who ignore the mask requirement. Other than asking such people to wait for the next elevator or waiting myself for another elevator, there is not much I can do. And I don't know what, if anything, the landlord can do.

The situation is annoying and, of course, unhealthy. If there were a city bylaw mandating the wearing of masks I would not hesitate to notify the appropriate authorities if such a bylaw was being ignored. I suspect, however, that with a bylaw in place the wearing of masks would not be an issue.

I reached out to my local ward councillor and did hear back from his office. But there was nothing in the reply to suggest any interest in a municipal bylaw on face masks.

I strongly urge you and members of Council to consider the well being of thousands of Hamilton residents and enact an enforceable bylaw that requires that masks be worn in all common areas of apartment buildings and condominiums.

Best regards.
Bill McDonald