

## Professional Notice

**To:** Pharmacy Practitioners  
**From:** Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists  
**Date:** September 13, 2022  
**Re:** Public Health Guidance on Continued COVID-19 Masking

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Keeping pharmacies safe for the public and pharmacy practitioners remains an important goal as we transition to living with COVID-19.

Public Health's continued recommendation is to wear a well-fitted mask in crowded indoor areas where physical distancing (6ft or 2m) cannot be consistently maintained.

For the purposes of pharmacies, Public Health has clarified that this means masking in circumstances where close interaction with a patient is necessary and cannot be avoided, including:

- when providing care that requires direct patient contact, including when administering an immunization
- having conversations with patients when proper distancing cannot be maintained

Nova Scotia Health has also established guidance on [Living with COVID-19 - How to Protect Myself and Others](#) for those wishing to make risk assessments about the use of masks in other situations.