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NWHU is providing local businesses with supports to meet the new mandatory mask requirements

Northwestern Health Unit (NWHU) is helping businesses prepare for August 17 when owners and operators of all enclosed public spaces in the region must have a mandatory mask or face covering policy in place.

The health unit has created resources for local businesses and organizations that are now available for download on their [website](#). Materials include signage for doors, a sample policy, and a letter with background on the decision and instructions on implementing the policy.

NWHU's website also now has Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) documents for both the public and businesses to help better understand expectations of the policy. "The mandatory mask webpage will be updated regularly as new resources and information become available. We encourage all residents to visit the page to become familiar with the content as this new requirement comes into effect," says Kit Young-Hoon, Medical Officer of Health.

NWHU asks employers, owners and operators to print the resources as needed. For those who are unable to print, hard copies are available to pick up at local NWHU offices. Visit <https://www.nwhu.on.ca/covid19/Pages/masks.aspx> to view NWHU's webpage on masks and to access the resources.

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Visit Ontario's [website](#) to learn more about how the province continues to protect Ontarians from COVID-19.

A reminder to the media that Dr. Kit Young-Hoon hosts online COVID-19 media briefings every Tuesday, 10:00 am - 11:00 am CT as well as Q&A sessions for the public every Thursday, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CT. If you do not have a link to the media briefings, please email jbegg@nwhu.on.ca.