

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND
SOLICITOR GENERAL

Emergency Program Act

Ministerial Order No. M200

WHEREAS a declaration of a state of emergency throughout the whole of the Province of British Columbia was declared on March 18, 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS I made the Face Coverings (COVID-19) Order on January 8, 2021;

AND WHEREAS public health advice regarding mask use for individual exercise in fitness facilities has been updated;

AND WHEREAS a more inclusive exemption is appropriate for communications that rely on facial visibility;

I, Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, order that the Face Coverings (COVID-19) Order, Ministerial Order 12/2021, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule.

May 18, 2021

Date



Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Emergency Program Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 111, s. 10

Other: MO 73/2020; MO 12/2021; OIC 285/2021

SCHEDULE

1 Section 2 of the Face Coverings (COVID-19) Order, Ministerial Order 12/2021, is amended

(a) in subsection (1) by adding the following definition:

“fitness facility” means a place used for fitness activities, including a gym, fitness studio or dance studio; ,

(b) in subsection (1) by repealing the definition of “sport or fitness facility” and substituting the following:

“sport facility” means a place used for sport activities, including a gym, ice arena, pool, gymnastics facility or indoor field. , **and**

(c) by repealing subsection (2) (a) (viii) and substituting the following:

(viii) a fitness facility or a sport facility, .

2 Section 4 (g) and (j) is repealed and the following substituted:

(g) while participating in sport at a sport facility;

(j) while communicating with a person for whom visual cues, facial expressions, lip-reading or lip movements are essential.