The Government of Canada is asking that all travellers have a removable face covering large enough to cover their mouth and nose during travel on passenger vessel and ferries.

Wearing a face covering over the mouth and nose is an important additional measure that all passengers can take to protect those around them. Passengers are encouraged to wear a face covering whenever possible, especially in situations where physical distancing guidelines cannot be maintained.

Passengers should confirm that they have acceptable face covering in their possession, otherwise boarding of the vessel could be denied. Passengers are also reminded to practice good hygiene by frequently washing their hands and sneezing into their sleeve or a tissue.

**FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVEL ON PASSENGER VESSELS AND FERRIES**

EXCEPTIONS

Face coverings must **not** be worn under the following circumstances:
- children under two years old;
- passengers with breathing difficulties unrelated to COVID-19; and
- during the voyage, when the safety of the person could be endangered by wearing a face covering; or when the person is eating, drinking or taking oral medications.

**FACE COVERINGS SHOULD:**
- Be made of multiple layers of absorbent fabric (e.g., cotton);
- Cover the mouth and nose without gaps;
- Fit securely to the head with ties or ear loops;
- Allow for easy breathing;
- Be changed as soon as possible if damp or dirty; and
- Stay the same shape after machine washing and drying.

**FACE COVERINGS SHOULD NOT:**
- Be placed on infants (e.g., children under the age of 2 years old);
- Be placed on anyone who has trouble breathing;
- Be placed on anyone who is unconscious;
- Be placed on someone who is incapacitated or unable to remove it without assistance;
- Be made exclusively of plastic sheeting or materials that easily fall apart (e.g., tissues);
- Be shared with others; and
- Impair vision or interfere with tasks.