

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*

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***2 Section 4 (g) and (j) is repealed and the following substituted:***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