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## Fake COVID-19 Face Mask Medical Exemption Card

The Grey Bruce Health Unit advises the public there is no requirement for a COVID-19 Face Mask Medical Exemption Card or anything similar. These cards are being sold as a scam.

Medical Exemption Cards, a doctor's note or any other exemption affidavit is not required for anyone unable to wear a face covering for medical or other reasons.

Persons exempt from wearing face coverings include:

- a child under the age of 2 years or a child under the age of 5 years either chronologically or developmentally and he or she refuses to wear a face covering
- anyone incapacitated and unable to remove their face covering without assistance;
- when wearing a face covering would inhibit the person's ability to breathe in any way;
- for any other medical reason, the person cannot safely wear a face covering such as, but not limited to, respiratory disease, cognitive difficulties or difficulties in hearing or processing information
- The obligation to provide reasonable accommodation under the Ontario Human Rights Code requires exemption from this requirement.

**Attachment:** Sample of Fake Face Mask Medical Exemption Card



**For More Information:**

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