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Information Release

HOW DO THE NEW HEALTH ORDERS AFFECT THE 32,000 STRATA CORPORATION IN BC?

NEW WESTMINSTER – In its continuing effort to combat COVID-19 the Provincial Health Officer issued new health orders. Effective as of November 19, 2020 at midnight to December 7, 2020 at midnight social gatherings of any size are prohibited in British Columbia and masks are required in all indoor public settings. These new health orders will impact the administration and operations of your strata corporation if you operate any commercial enterprises, are a shared use facility with commercial space or an Air Space Parcel shared space. Masks are a prudent safety measure for all strata corporations who share common property access and facilities.

According to Tony Gioventu, the Executive Director of the Condominium Home Owners Association of BC, this is a critical time to protect the public safety of all residents and users of your buildings. "If you have common/public areas in the buildings such as hallways, exercise rooms, pools, meeting rooms, mail rooms, foyers, garbage rooms, or other interior facilities, the risk of transmission is higher in enclosed spaces and masks are essential in reducing the risk. Residents, guests, service providers and employees, emergency responders and delivery persons will all use your common areas for access. Maintain social distancing wherever possible, limit the number of persons in elevators to 2 people or 1 family, install sanitization stations, post signage requiring masks be worn in common areas at all times and encourage hand washing and all other health safety methods for all residents. If you have scheduled an in person general meeting or council meeting, gatherings are now prohibited. Reschedule your meetings to a later date or convert your meeting to an electronic location as permitted by the emergency provincial orders."

The Condominium Home Owners Association (CHOA) is a non-profit association that assists the entire strata industry throughout BC. CHOA promotes the interests of strata property owners by providing advisory services, education, resources, and support for its members and the strata community at large. For more information visit the CHOA website at: www.choa.bc.ca

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