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## Emergency Order Concerning the Use of Face Coverings

MANITOU SPRINGS CO, 7/20/20 approx. 5pm -- To enhance the quality of life for our community, and with an objective to promote the public health of our residents, visitors, and staff, the City of Manitou Springs has signed an Emergency Order Concerning the Use of Face Coverings.

In an online survey conducted by the Manitou Springs Creative District via Polco, more than 80% of the respondents expressed concern over the lack of mask usage in our community. Our goal is for people to enjoy our amazing city, safely, and with health precautions taken.

This Order, which is effective immediately, mandates the use of a face covering while outdoors when 6' of distance between individuals (who do not share a household) is not able to be maintained. This Order also mandates the use of a face covering in all businesses, given certain exceptions, outlined in Section 5 of the Order.

As a City, we understand not everyone can wear a mask with ease, thus exceptions to the order include person(s) under the age of 10, person(s) who cannot medically tolerate a face covering, and person(s) who are exercising alone or with individuals from their household.

Violations of the Order will be handled by Code Enforcement. Disturbances resulting from disputes over the Emergency Order will be handled by the Manitou Springs Police Department. Individuals contacted for the disturbance may face a fine of \$25 for their first offense a fine of \$50 for their second, and is subject to an arrest for trespass for failure to leave the business. Business owners have the right and responsibility of requesting anyone in violation of the order to leave their establishment.

Additionally, we have created an online form and a dedicated phone line, available for people to submit complaints regarding **businesses** not following the order at the following link:  
<https://bit.ly/30yHqo3>

NOTE FOR MEDIA PERSONNEL: The Mayor of Manitou Springs, John Graham, will be in Mansion's Park (behind City Hall) from 9am-10:15am to do individual interviews. If you would like to do so, please arrive within the presented time.



## Q&A

### **What is the difference between the City of Manitou Springs' Order and the State's current Order?**

Although there is a great deal of overlap between the two orders, a key difference between the two is that face coverings are mandatory when 6' of social distancing is impractical. Please note that this does not apply to those who share a household. Additionally, the use of face coverings is required within our local restaurants everywhere *but* at the table.

### **Will law enforcement be citing people for not wearing a mask?**

The Manitou Springs Police Department will respond to disturbances resulting from disputes over the Emergency Order, and Code Enforcement will be address reports of businesses who are not abiding by the Emergency Order.

The City's first step will be spreading education and awareness about the Order to encourage voluntary compliance and mutual understandings.

### **What exceptions are there to this Order?**

Key exceptions to this Order are as follows, a full list can be found under Section 5:

- Persons under the age of 10
- Persons who cannot medically tolerate a face covering,
- Persons who are seated at a table in a food establishment
- Persons who are exercising alone or with other individuals from the same household
- Individuals who are hearing impaired or individuals who are communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential to communication

### **What is considered a face covering?**

A face covering is a uniform piece of material that securely covers a person's nose and mouth and remains affixed in place without the use of one's hands.

### **Do I need a face covering in my car or inside my house?**

No, this order only mandates face coverings outdoors when social distancing isn't practical, and in all public indoor spaces. A public indoor space is an enclosed area that is publicly or privately owned that is accessible to the public, a place of employment, or an entity providing services.



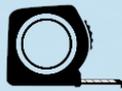
# MASK REQUIREMENT



## Required



Inside of businesses



Outside within 6' of others



Entering/exiting a business



Working within 6'



## Optional



Under the age of 10



Inside car/home



Medical exemptions



Hearing impaired communication



[Link to full order:](#)

<https://bit.ly/2OLyC8A>

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