

**ORDER BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF TRAVIS COUNTY****County Judge Order 2020-16; Relating to the COVID-19 Community Restrictions**

Whereas, on March 6, 2020, a Declaration of Local Disaster was issued by the Travis County Judge to allow the County of Travis ("County" or "Travis County"), Texas, to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and promote the health and safety of Travis County residents; and

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, a Declaration of State of Disaster was issued by Governor Greg Abbott to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Texans; and

Whereas, the virus that causes COVID-19 is contagious and spreads through person-to-person contact, especially in group settings; and

Whereas, on June 18, 2020, the County Judge issued Order 2020-12, requiring all commercial entities in Travis County that provide goods or services directly to the public to develop and implement a Health and Safety Policy related to COVID-19 which, at a minimum, shall require that all employees and visitors to the commercial entity's business premises or other facilities wear face coverings;

Whereas, on June 26, 2020 the Governor issued Executive Order GA-28 ("GA-28"), related to the reopening of services and business, with reduced occupancy limits and gathering restrictions for individuals and businesses, as well as continuing recommended health protocols and social distancing measures to attempt to mitigate increased transfer of COVID-19 associated with the expanding commercial and social interactions; and

Whereas, on July 2, 2020, the Governor issued a Proclamation to amend paragraph 5 of GA-28 to prohibit any outdoor gathering in excess of 10 people, except as specifically exempted in paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 of GA-28, unless approved by the county judge or mayor, subject to conditions and restrictions not inconsistent with GA-28; and

Whereas, the Governor's Proclamation of July 2, 2020 also amended paragraph 12 of GA-28 to state "except as provided in this executive order or in the minimum standard health protocols recommended by DSHS, found at www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus, people shall not be in groups larger than 10 and shall maintain six feet of social distancing from those not in their group;" and

Whereas, on July 2, 2020, the Governor further issued Executive Order GA-29, which requires every person in Texas to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when inside a commercial entity or other building open to the public, or when in an outdoor public space whenever not feasible to maintain six (6) feet of social distancing from persons outside one's household, and except as provided in the order; and

Whereas, on July 9, 2020, the County Judge issued Order 2020-14, effective July 11, 2020, prohibiting any gatherings in excess of 10 people and requiring face coverings, except as permitted by the Governor's orders; and

Whereas, as of August 13, 2020, Travis County has experienced 23,718 confirmed cases of COVID-19, with 263 current hospitalizations and 328 deaths as a result of the disease, and although infection rates have currently leveled somewhat, the Health Authority expects the number of infections to rise if current rules regarding masking, social distancing, hygiene, and other health protocols are lifted; and

Whereas, Dr. Mark Escott, the interim Health Authority for Austin/Travis County, continues to encourage people to stay home except when necessary and finds that the area still needs to increase testing and contact tracing capabilities, to maintain social distancing and hygiene, and to wear face coverings to provide for the safety of the public while businesses are reopening and when individuals are outside their household; and

Whereas, COVID-19 continues to menace the health of County residents and the economy, and the Health Authority has advised on the need for continued vigilance by individuals and County businesses in complying with mandatory health measures; and

Whereas, the County Judge has determined that extraordinary emergency measures must be taken to try and mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate a response to the public health threat; and

Whereas, pursuant to Government Code section 418.108(g), a County Judge is authorized to control ingress and egress from a local disaster area, and control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in that disaster area; and

Whereas, this Order shall cover all individuals currently living within Travis County, including but not limited to all of the cities and municipalities within the boundaries of Travis County and specifically listed in **Exhibit A**.

NOW THEREFORE, I, COUNTY JUDGE OF TRAVIS COUNTY, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER THAT:

Effective as of 12:00 a.m., Sunday, August 16, 2020 ("Effective Date"), and continuing through 11:59 p.m. on December 15, 2020 unless extended, modified or terminated early by the Travis County Judge or as otherwise indicated below:

1. **Public Health Emergency**. That this Order shall continue the local disaster declaration and public health emergency for Travis County for the period specified herein and shall incorporate and adopt the most recent orders issued by Governor Greg Abbott including GA-28, as amended by Proclamation issued July 2, 2020, GA-29 issued July 2, 2020, and any subsequent orders or proclamations by the Governor relating to the COVID-19 disaster.
2. **Gatherings**. Any gatherings that exceed 10 people are hereby PROHIBITED, except as permitted by current Governor's Proclamations and Orders.

3. Pursuant to the Governor's Order GA-28, there is no occupancy limit for the following:
 - a. any services listed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 3.1 or any subsequent version;
 - b. religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship;
 - c. local government operations, including county and municipal governmental operations relating to licensing (including marriage licenses), permitting, recordation, and document-filing services, as determined by the local government;
 - d. child-care services;
 - e. youth camps, including but not limited to those defined as such under Chapter 141 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and including all summer camps and other daytime and overnight camps for youths; and
 - f. recreational sports programs for youths and adults;

All participants in lawful gatherings or groups expressly permitted by this Order or the Governor's Order are nonetheless subject to the face covering behaviors set forth in Sections 6 and 7 of this Order and **Exhibits B and C**, including or as may be limited by any other requirements imposed by the Governor's Order. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household within the household's residence.

4. Pursuant to the Governor's Order GA-28, the outdoor gathering ban in section 2 of this Order does not apply to the following outdoor areas, events, or establishments, except that the following outdoor areas or outdoor venues shall operate at no more than 50 percent of the normal operating limits as determined by the owner:
 - a. professional, collegiate, or similar sporting events;
 - b. swimming pools;
 - c. water parks;
 - d. museums and libraries;
 - e. zoos, aquariums, natural caverns, and similar facilities; and
 - f. rodeos and equestrian events;
5. Pursuant to the Governor's Order GA-28, the outdoor gathering ban in section 2 of this Order does not apply to amusement parks and carnival, except that amusement parks and carnivals shall operate at no more than 50 percent of the normal operating limits as determined by the owner;
6. **Face Covering Requirements.** In accordance with the Governor's Order GA-29, every person in Travis County IS REQUIRED to wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when inside a commercial entity or other building open to the public, or when in an outdoor public space whenever not feasible to maintain six (6) feet of social distancing from persons outside one's household; provided however that this face covering requirement does not apply to the following:
 - a. any person younger than 10 years of age;

- b. any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering;
- c. any person while the person is consuming food or drink, or is seated at a restaurant to eat or drink;
- d. any person while the person is (1) exercising outdoors or engaging in physical activity outdoors, and (2) is maintaining a safe distance from other people not in the same household;
- e. any person while the person is driving alone or with passengers who are part of the same household as the driver;
- f. any person obtaining a service that requires temporary removal of the face covering for security surveillance, screening, or a need for specific access to the face, such as while visiting a bank or while obtaining a personal care service involving the face, but only to the extent necessary for the temporary removal;
- g. any person while the person is in a swimming pool, lake, or similar body of water;
- h. any person who is voting, assisting a voter, serving as a poll watcher, or actively administering an election, but wearing a face covering is strongly encouraged;
- i. any person who is actively providing or obtaining access to religious worship, but wearing a face covering is strongly encouraged; or
- j. any person while the person is giving a speech for a broadcast or to an audience; and
- k. Not excepted from this face-covering requirement is any person attending a protest or demonstration involving more than 10 people and who is not practicing safe social distancing of six feet from other people not in the same household.
- l. any person who is alone, or in the presence of only members of the same household or residence, in a separate room or single space not accessible to the public, and not in an indoor common area.

7. **Social Distancing and Hygiene.** All persons should practice Social Distancing and Hygiene as defined below, except when in the presence of only members of one's own household or residence, or when otherwise exempted by this Order. Parents and Guardians of children under 10 are responsible for maintaining social distance between child members of their household and others' households. For purposes of this Order, and as outlined in the Guidelines from the CDC and Austin/Travis County Health Authority (attached as **Exhibit B**). Social Distancing and Hygiene include maintaining at least a six-foot distance from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not into hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.

8. **Mandatory Health and Safety Policy – Commercial Entities.** All commercial entities in Travis County that provide goods or services directly to the public must develop and implement a health and safety policy or plan ("Health and Safety Policy") related to preventing transmission of the COVID-19 virus. Travis County includes all municipalities within the boundaries of Travis County listed in Exhibit A. The Health and Safety Policy must require, at a minimum, that all employees, customers and visitors to the commercial entity's business premises or other facilities wear face coverings over their nose and mouth

when in an area or performing an activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to co-workers, other individuals or members of the public where six feet of separation is not feasible, and subject to the exceptions in Section 6. The Health and Safety Policy required to be developed and implemented by this Order may also include the implementation of other mitigating measures designed to control and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 such alternative methods of service for those unable to wear mask or temperature checks or health screenings. A copy of a sample Health and Safety Policy and sign is attached as **Exhibit D**, and can also be found on the Travis County website.

Commercial entities must post the Health and Safety Policy required by this Order in a conspicuous location sufficient to provide notice to employees, customers and visitors of all health and safety requirements. **Failure to develop and implement the Health and Safety Policy required by this Order may result in a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation.**

9. **Extension of Deadlines.** Notwithstanding the expiration of this Order, all deadlines or expiration dates imposed by County code, order, rule, or regulation for site plans, subdivisions, development permits, and similar development applications or approvals are extended until March 15, 2021, or the date they would have normally expired, whichever is later.
10. **Prior Orders.** This Order is issued in accordance with and incorporates by reference all declarations, findings, and recitations set out in the preamble to this Order. This Order replaces and supersedes County Judge Orders 2020-12 and 2020-14 in their entirety, and replaces and supersedes Sections 1, and 3 through 7 of the Travis County Judge's Prevention Guidelines and Order of June 16, 2020 (Order 2020-11). Section 2 (Prevention Guidelines) and Section 8 of the County Judge's Prevention Guidelines and Order of June 16, 2020 (Order 2020-11), including the Recommendations of the Health Authority, Face Covering recommendations and Construction Guidance set forth in exhibits B, C and D, remain in effect.
11. The Austin Public Health Department and the Travis County Clerk will post this Order on their websites. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remainder of this Order and its application.
12. **Savings Clause.** If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.


13. **ENFORCEMENT.** That the Travis County Sheriff's Office, the Travis County Fire Marshal's Office, and other peace officers are hereby authorized to enforce this Order and the Governor's Executive Orders.

- a. A violation of Section 2 of this Order (Gatherings) may be punishable through criminal or civil enforcement and may result in a fine not to exceed \$1,000. A criminal violation of Section 2 of this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine only.
- b. For a violation of Section 6 of this Order (Face Covering Requirements), and following a verbal or written warning for a first-time violator of this face covering requirement, a person's second violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250.00. Each subsequent violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250.00 per violation.
- c. A violation of Section 8 (Mandatory Health and Safety Policy) may be punishable through civil enforcement and may result in a fine not to exceed \$1,000.

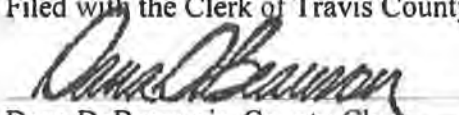
14. This Order incorporates by reference the following:

- a. **Exhibit A:** List of Cities and Municipalities within Travis County Jurisdiction Covered by this Order
- b. **Exhibit B:** Recommendations and Requirements by the Austin / Travis County Health Authority for Individuals, Families and Businesses
- c. **Exhibit C:** Face Covering Behaviors
- d. **Exhibit D:** Sample Health and Safety Policy and Sign

ORDERED this the 14th day of August, 2020, in the County of Travis, Texas.


County Judge
County of Travis, Texas

Filed with the Clerk of Travis County, this 14th day of August, 2020.


Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk

**Exhibit A: List of Cities and Municipalities within Travis County
Jurisdiction covered by the Order**

- City of Austin
- City of Bee Cave
- City of Cedar Park
- City of Creedmoor
- City of Elgin
- City of Jonestown
- City of Lago Vista
- City of Lakeway
- City of Leander
- City of Manor
- City of Mustang Ridge
- City of Pflugerville
- City of Rollingwood
- City of Round Rock
- City of Sunset Valley
- City of West Lake Hills
- Village of Briarcliff
- Village of Point Venture
- Village of San Leanna
- Village of The Hills
- Village of Volente
- Village of Webberville

Exhibit B

Austin/Travis County Health Authority Requirements and Recommendations for Individuals, Families and Businesses

- I. Individuals** All individuals shall comply with the Governor's Minimum Standard Health Protocols, checklist for all individuals, found at:
<https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/opentexas/OpenTexas-Checklist-Individuals.pdf>
- A. COVID-19 Positive Individuals, Suspected Positives, those currently being tested, and Untested Individuals with cough, fever, sore throat, chills, muscle aches, loss of smell, loss of taste, shortness of breath, vomiting, and/or diarrhea shall:**
- i. Not leave their residence without a mask or fabric face covering to prevent the spread to others.
 - ii. Be permitted to do the following while wearing a mask or fabric face covering:
 - a. Seek medical care or emergency medical care related or unrelated to COVID-19. In doing so, they shall notify first responders at the time of the call to 9-1-1 or prior to visiting other healthcare providers that they have tested positive for COVID-19, or been exposed to individuals who have tested positive, are suspected positive for COVID-19 or untested individuals with cough and/or fever.
 - b. Walk or exercise alone in the immediate vicinity of their residence.
 - c. Seek testing for COVID-19.
 - iii. Not leave the County without prior notification to Austin Public Health at APH.Preparedness@austintexas.gov.
 - iv. Practice Social Distancing and Hygiene within the residence, observe hygiene practices for prevention of household spread in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines.
 - v. Notify Austin Public Health if the residence does not allow for physical separation from other household contacts (separate room and bathroom).
 - vi. Notify Austin Public Health if a member of their household is over the age of 65 and/or if they have underlying medical conditions identified by the CDC of increasing the risk of complications from COVID-19.

vii. Remain in home quarantine for at least 10 days following the onset of their illness and at least three days (72 hours) after the conclusion of their illness (resolution of fever without medications and improvement in cough and shortness of breath), whichever is longer.

B. Household Members of COVID-19 Positive Individuals, Suspected Positives, those currently being tested, or Untested Individuals with cough, fever, sore throat, chills, muscle aches, loss of smell, loss of taste, shortness of breath, vomiting, and/or diarrhea shall:

i. Not leave the residence without a mask or fabric face covering to prevent the spread to others.

ii. Be permitted to do the following while wearing a mask or fabric face covering:

a. Seek medical care or emergency medical care related or unrelated to COVID-19. In doing so, they shall notify first responders at the time of the call to 9-1-1 or prior to visiting other healthcare providers that they have been exposed to individuals who have tested positive, are suspected positive for COVID-19 or untested individuals with cough and/or fever.

b. Walk or exercise alone in the immediate vicinity of their residence.

iii. Not leave the County without prior notification to Austin Public Health at APH.Preparedness@austintexas.gov.

iv. Practice Social Distancing and Hygiene within the residence, observe hygiene practices for prevention of household spread in accordance with CDC guidelines.

v. Notify Austin Public Health if the residence does not allow for physical separation from other household contacts (separate room and bathroom).

vi. Notify Austin Public Health or your Primary Care Provider if they develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19 as defined by the CDC.

vii. Remain in home quarantine for at least 14 days since the last contact with an individual known or suspected to be COVID-19 positive, regardless of the presence of symptoms.

C. Individuals should refrain from reporting to work when falling within any of the following criteria:

i. Has signs or symptoms of a COVID-19 infection, such as cough, fever, sore throat, chills, muscle aches, loss of smell, loss of taste, shortness of breath, vomiting, and/or diarrhea;

- ii. Has a fever greater than 99.6°F;
- iii. In the previous 14 days has had contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 and did not have the appropriate personal protective equipment designated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); is under investigation for COVID-19; or is ill with a respiratory illness; or
- iv. Has traveled to an area the World Health Organization or CDC considers a “Hotspot.”

If someone in a household has tested positive for COVID-19, or is awaiting results of a COVID-19 test, and a member of the household is an employee of an government service or CISA industry, an exception may be made by Austin Public Health allowing that member of the household to voluntarily return to work after finding the risk of reduced essential services is greater than the risk of infection.

D. Vulnerable Populations

- i. Vulnerable populations include people who:
 - a. Are 65 years old and older; or
 - b. Have certain health conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, kidney disease, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), and weakened immune systems.
- ii. Vulnerable Individuals shall:
 - a. Avoid group gatherings unless it is essential;
 - b. Avoid people who are sick,
 - c. Wear a mask or fabric face covering at all times when in public, and
 - d. Comply with the Governor’s Special Guidance for Texans Over 65, found at: <https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/opentexas/OpenTexas-Special-Guidance-For-Texans-Over-65.pdf>

E. Individual Gatherings

- i. All social indoor or outdoor gatherings outside of a single household or dwelling should be avoided or minimized. No more than 10 individuals may stand or gather together, except as expressly permitted by this Order or the Governor’s Order.
- ii. Do not attend any events or gatherings if sick.

- iii. For household and other gatherings permitted by the Order:
 - a. Have hand washing capabilities, hand sanitizers, and tissues available;
 - b. Frequently clean high-touch surface areas like countertops, doorknobs, and handrails; and
 - c. Find ways to create physical space (minimum of six (6) feet distance between people) to minimize close contact as much as possible.
 - d. Find ways to ensure six feet of social distancing from another group or gathering.

F. Schools and Daycare. To the extent that schools and daycare are open under current orders:

- i. Do not have your child attend school or daycare if sick.
- ii. If you have a child with chronic health conditions, consult the child's doctor about school and daycare attendance.
- iii. Frequently re-educate students and staff regarding Social Distancing and Hygiene and Face Covering behaviors and ensure that appropriate signs are posted.
- iv. Explore remote teaching and online options to continue learning.

II. Businesses shall operate only to the extent permitted by order of the Texas Governor.

III. Businesses and services permitted to operate by the Governor's Order shall comply with the following:

- A.** To prevent stigma and discrimination in the workplace, employers shall only adhere to the recommendations described in this Order to determine risk of COVID-19. Employers should contact their own human resources advisors and shall not make determinations of risk based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, familial status, disability, marital status, student status, creed, or national origin. To the extent possible, employers should maintain confidentiality of people with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- B.** Employers shall only allow persons in and around their premises that are: (1) essential employees not subject to any of the criteria in Section I of this Exhibit, (2) delivery personnel, suppliers, customers or members of the public practicing Social Distancing and Hygiene and Face Covering behaviors as set forth in Sections 2, 3, and 5 (Mandatory Health Plans) of this Order, and (3) persons with legal authority to enter such as law enforcement.

- C. Prior to allowing employees into its facility, employers shall ask all employees if they meet any of the criteria in Section I of this Exhibit, and shall direct employees to return home or other appropriate shelter and services if the employee is exhibiting symptoms and presenting a threat of infecting others.
- D. Employers shall immediately separate an employee who becomes sick or demonstrates a temperature greater than 99.6°F while at work from other employees and send that employee home or to other appropriate shelter and services.
- E. Human resources departments shall create alternate work plans to help employees remain productive while keeping the workforce safe and healthy.
- F. Employers are strongly encouraged to require employees (either those exhibiting symptoms or all employees) to undergo a COVID-19 symptom check and non-invasive temperature readings prior to entering a worksite; however, **employers are not mandated to take the temperature of employees prior to entrance to its worksite.** If the employer does take employees' temperatures and/or has first-hand knowledge that the employee's temperature exceeds 99.6°F, then the employer shall prohibit the employee from entering the facility or property.
- G. Employers shall create and implement an infectious disease response plan.
- H. Employers shall comply with the Governor's Minimum Standard Health Protocols, checklist for employers, found at:
<https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/opentexas/OpenTexas-Checklist-Employers.pdf>
- I. Where appropriate employers shall:
 - i. Suspend nonessential employee travel;
 - ii. Prohibit employees working within six (6) feet of one another unless necessary to provide continuity of essential services;
 - iii. Minimize or cancel in-person meetings and conferences including canceling, postponing or moving to on-line formats for all indoor or outdoor gatherings of any number of people.
 - iv. Require employees to stay home when they are sick and maximize flexibility in sick leave benefits.
 - v. Permit sick employees to stay home without providing a doctor's note.
 - vi. Utilize telecommuting options to minimize person-to-person interaction.

- vii. Alter, stagger or otherwise schedule or separate employees or teams of employees so not all employees are present at one time but are present at alternative days and times, unless necessary to provide continuity of essential services.
- viii. Limit or restrict the number of customers or visitors permitted in a workplace at one time.
- ix. Ensure that individuals (employees and clients) queuing inside and outside of the business or workplace can maintain six (6) feet of separation.
- x. Designate special separate shopping times for high-risk clients as designated by the CDC.
- xi. Increase the use and capability of on-line, drive-thru, curbside, or delivery services.
- xii. Provide hand washing capabilities, hand sanitizers, and tissues.
- xiii. Clean high-touch surface areas like countertops, doorknobs, and handrails at least twice per day with CDC recommended surface cleaners for COVID-19.
- xiv. Require and allow employees to practice the Face Covering Behaviors as set forth in Sections 3 and 5 and **Exhibit C** of this Order.

Exhibit C

Face Covering Behaviors

A significant percentage of individuals with the COVID-19 virus lack symptoms. Because an infected person can transmit the virus to others before showing any symptoms, the covering of a person's nose and mouth when outside their home or residence is necessary to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. This is consistent with the findings of the CDC and Austin-Travis County Health Authority

Unless you already have your own personal used masks that cannot be donated, the fabric face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators, which are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and first responders. Staying home is the best way to help reduce the spread of the virus, but if an individual must leave their place of residence, wearing a fabric face covering shall be used as outlined in this Exhibit and this Order. **Wearing a face covering is not a substitute for maintaining 6-foot social distancing and hand washing, as these remain important steps to slowing the spread of the virus.**

The public in general and employers and employees shall adhere to the following:

- a. All persons ten years of age and older shall wear some form of covering over their nose and mouth, such as a commercially made or homemade mask, scarf, or bandana, when outside of his or her residence.
- b. This section shall not apply to:
 1. any person younger than 10 years of age;
 2. any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering;
 3. any person while the person is eating or drinking, or is seated at a restaurant to eat or drink;
 4. any person while the person is (a) exercising outdoors or engaging in physical activity outdoors and (b) maintaining a safe distance from others not in the same household;
 5. any person while the person is driving alone or with passengers of the same household as the driver;
 6. any person obtaining a service that requires temporary removal of the face covering for security surveillance, screening, or the need for specific access to the face, such as while visiting a bank or while obtaining a personal care service involving the face, but only to the extent necessary for the temporary removal;
 7. any person while the person is in a swimming pool, lake, or similar body of water;

8. any person who is voting, assisting a voter, serving as a poll watcher, or actively administering an election, but wearing a face covering is strongly encouraged;
9. any person who is actively providing or obtaining access to religious worship, but wearing a face covering is strongly encouraged;
10. any person while the person is giving a speech for a broadcast or to an audience;
11. any person while temporary removal of the face covering is necessary for communication by or with a person who is hearing impaired; or
12. any person while alone, or in the presence of only members of the same household or residence, in a separate room or single space not accessible to the public, and not in an indoor common area

Parents and Guardians of children under 10 shall be responsible for appropriately masking children when outside their residence.

- c. All non-residents in nursing homes, retirement and long-term care facilities shall wear a fabric face covering as provided for in this Exhibit and Order (Face Coverings), except as otherwise required by an order issued by the Health Authority. In addition, residents in facilities with confirmed COVID-19 cases shall follow requirements of **Exhibit B**, except when doing so poses a greater mental or physical health, safety or security risk.
- d. All COVID-19 Positive Individuals, Suspected Positives, those currently being tested, and untested individuals with cough, fever, sore throat, chills, muscle aches, loss of smell, loss of taste, shortness of breath, vomiting, and/or diarrhea and household members of same category of individuals shall not leave their residence without a mask or cloth face covering to prevent the spread to others.
- e. All individuals working for a business shall wear a mask or cloth face covering whenever in public and whenever performing job duties in the presence of others.
- f. Unless you already have your own personal used masks that cannot be donated, medical grade (N95) and surgical masks should be reserved and used only by medical professionals and first responders.

Examples of how to make cloth face coverings can be found online including [guidance](#) from the CDC and [guidance](#) from Austin/ Travis County Health Authority.

- g. The fabric face covering should:
 1. fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face,
 2. be secured with ties or ear loops,
 3. include multiple layers of fabric,
 4. allow for breathing without restriction, and

- 5. be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape.
- h. Employers shall require and allow employees to practice Face Covering Behaviors as set forth in the Order and this **Exhibit C**.
- i. Even with the use of appropriate face coverings, individuals shall maintain six feet of social distancing whenever possible.
- j. Individuals should avoid touching their face and should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer.
- k. For further information, individuals can access information at <https://traviscountytexas.gov/news/2020/1945-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-information> and www.AustinTexas.gov/COVID19.

Health and Safety Policy

POLICY. The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, it is the policy of this business to require the following:

1. FACE COVERING REQUIRED IN ORDER TO ENTER PREMISES. All persons over the age of ten (10), including employees, customers, visitors, invitees and contractors ("Patrons"), who enter this business must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth, such as a homemade mask, scarf, bandana, or handkerchief.

The requirement of face covering does not apply if covering the nose and mouth poses a greater mental or physical health, safety, or security risk, such as anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the cover without assistance.

2. SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS. Even with the use of appropriate face coverings, individuals should maintain six feet of social distancing whenever possible.

a. Employees should not work within six (6) feet of one another, except to the extent necessary to provide services;

b. Patrons should maintain six (6) feet of separation from other individuals outside their household, to the extent feasible when inside the business premises.

c. Patrons of the business queuing or waiting inside or on the premises of the business must maintain six (6) feet of separation from other individuals outside their household.

3. VIOLATIONS. Patrons who do not wear a face covering may be asked to leave the premises, and may not be provided goods or services until the face covering requirements are followed.

4. NOTICE AND SIGNAGE. Notice of this Health and Safety Policy will be posted in a conspicuous location of the business. Sample signage is attached.

ALL CUSTOMERS WEAR FABRIC FACE COVERINGS



PER CITY AND COUNTY ORDER, ALL CUSTOMERS MUST BE WEARING A FACE COVERING

Cloth face coverings should—



- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- ability to be laundered

Fabric face coverings are not a substitute for physical distancing measures. Continue to maintain 6-feet when outside your home.

DIY face cover instructions available
at austintexas.gov/covid19



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